

Four days of fun

Kernville celebrated its annual Whiskey Flat Days festival. Check out photos from the event inside.

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Hometown hero returns

Joey Porter returned to Bakersfield after helping lead the Pittsburgh Steelers to a Super Bowl victory.

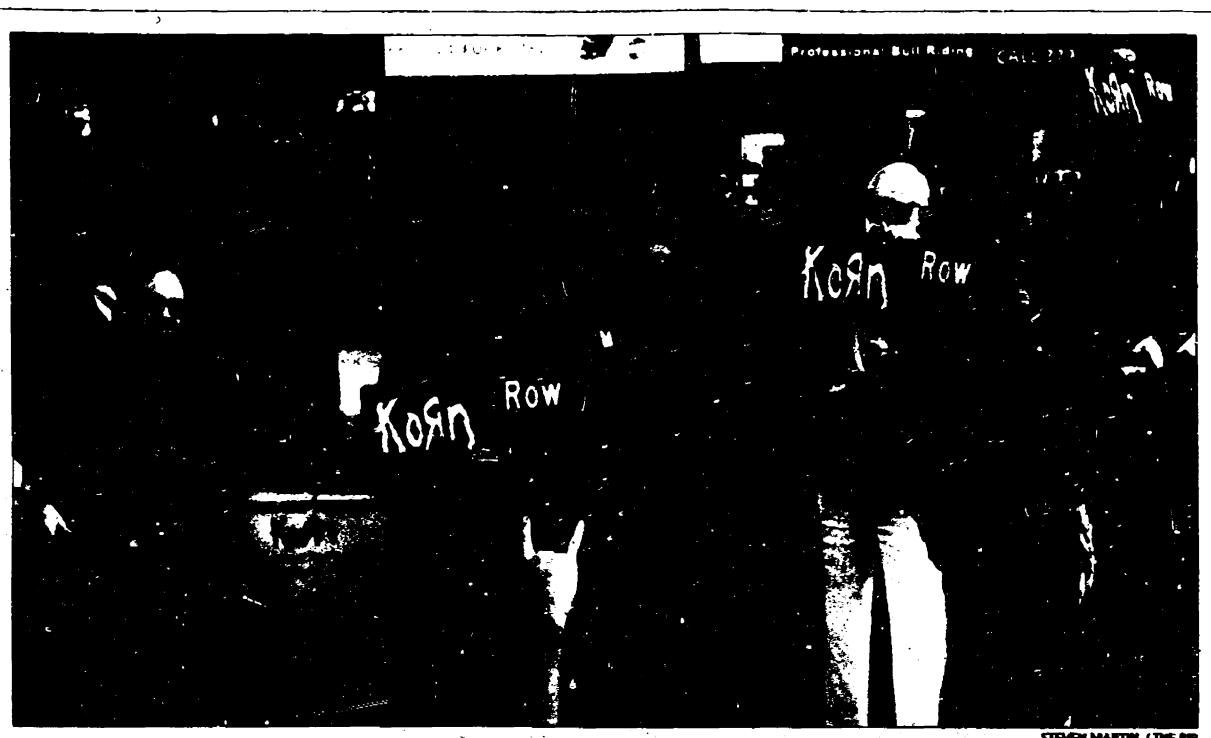
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STEVEN MARTIN / THE RIP The band Korn, which is originally from Bakersfield, accepts street signs for the street reneated Korn Row during their rally in front of Rabobank Arena.

Korn rocks and has a row

By JULIE SALGUERO and STEVEN MAKTIN Rip staff writers

The band Korn, playing in Bakersfield for the first time without Brian "Head" Welch, began its "See You on the Other Side" tour on Feb. 24 at Rabobank Arena.

At about 6 p.m., a line of excited time surrounded Rabobank before the show.

Longtime fan Jerome Dezver said he has viewed Kom in concert five times. When saled how he felt about Welch not performing in the concert, Deaver responded that he doesn't feel "too bad" about it and wishes that Welch is " having a beaut life." Bakersfield College student Julio Suzzo, a journalism major, hoped fast the concert would be

Right: Lead

Devis sings

in his home

their world

tour Left:

Drumumer

Daivid Silvera

plays to the

Feb. 24th.

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crowd

singer

Jonathan

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kick off

the same without Welch. "Hopefully, it will be the same," she said. "I liked [Head] Welch a lot." Another BC student, Maria Pantoja, a physicaleducation major, has viewed Korn in concert three different times. "I can't say how the concert is going to be without him," said Panton, when asked how she felt the show would go without Welch. The concert began with 10 Years, followed by Mindvayue. As the lights dimmed to set the stage for Korn, the andience beam to chant "Korn." When the band members revealed themselves to the audience, cheers and screams filled the arena. After playing about a dozen songs, Korn said goodnight, but the fans weren't sendy to leave. After about a minute and a half of the andience asking for more, Korn came back out with more songs, which





SGA unveils spring

By JOSHUA AYERS **Editor in Chief**

SGA President Ash West disclosed plans that the organization is looking to proceed with during the duration of the spring semester.

At the top of the list is the involvement of Bakersfield College with the Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act.

"It's a pretty cool deal," West said. On Feb. 16, West joined a conference call with members of the Community College League of California to discuss participation requirements for each community college district.

According to West, the BC SGA created a new student government position so that BC will be able to participate in the ballot initiative. According to West, Alan Crane was approved for that position known as student campaign chair in a senate meeting last Friday

wants from es, sand West

The new position will be reapon-See SGA, Page 3

Web site nearly a reality

BY KATHERINE J. WHITE Copy Editor

Bakersfield College's Webmaster from the Information Services Department has divined that there will be a new Web site devoted to informing students about canceled classes. and the future is now.

Or, rather, it is almost here.

David Barnett, BC's Internet Services administrator, said that the technicalities for constructing the Web site are nearly "all done." Barnett said that he is currently e-mailing instructors about the site and is compiling a list of instructors who will be trained on how to implement

BC students with PCs can segue from the BC home page that includes general asmouncements and then click outo the area designated "canceled class meetings." The armounce-See CANCEL, Page 3

Republicans discuss party issues at dinner meeting

NICK STOCKTON Rio staff writer

Bakersfield's Republican clite gathered Feb. 21 in an evening of elegance to honor the legacy and accomplishments of 16th president Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was the first Resublican president and is remembered across the country this time of year with numerous dinners and ceremonies, both from GOP orgrazitions and otherwise.

Bakersfield's dinner was unique in of Representatives and third in line for the presidency, Congressants Deserts Hastert (R-FE) was the box. eved guest and keywore speaker.

The Doubletree Hotel at the junction of Highways 58 and 99 was the site of the event, and the lobby teamed with Bakersfield's own flavor of black-tie dress code and cowboy boots replacing wingsips on some at-

Prior to the dinner was an exclusive reception, starting at 6 p.m. Hastert and Thomas were guests of honor, while other local GOP activists worked the croffed, getting to know area fatadraisers and supporters.

Other noted attendees including all things liberal. the fact that the Speaker of the Edware California State Sea. Roy Address. Kam County Water District Super- socrate Republicans and the Batters-

bers Zack Scrivace, Itam Carson, of not giving coverage to local Re-Mike Maggard, Jackie Sullivan, and Craig Rossi

Law enforcement officials included District Attorney Ed James Magistrate Terry Goldner, County Sheriff Mack Whimbiah, and Dumy Youngblood, who is customly sun-

ming against Whinshish for Sheri-Y. Larry Starth, a Shafter farmer and Republican activist, was eracee for the event, getting the dining hall

visor Fred Sturb, and council men-field Californian, which he accused

publican activities and prominence. Hastert and Thomas spoke to the modile before the disper in a short

cocotion and answer restricts. Most of the anestions revolved

around the second part scandal involving the United Asab Emirates and their acquisition of the British company which seed to operate the

Hastert marked his opposition to langling at his sescentic jube toward. President Bush's authorization of the bryont. He noted that the course Among the largest were the Ba- for his disease lies with the fact that Bakersfield City Mayor Harvey Hall, kersfield men Democrats, whom he it was a foreign government which County Supervisor Jon Moquiston, thusland for "making it so carry to true going to be operating these key national interests. He stated that the See GOP, Page 3

Water wonders



JACQUELINE WHITE / THE NO

Monday's rainfall makes concentric circles in the puddles in the Campus Center.

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FEATURES

Nountain III Kernville loads up with visitors from all over California for its annual Whiskey Flat Days By DANGELA GARGA and JULIE SALGUERO Rip staff writers The Whiskey Flat Days celebration brings thousands of visitors to the Kern Valley to enjoy sintelated gum fights, perades, a carnival, an art show and

NEWS

KORN: Local group kicked off their world tour at a sold-out Rabobank Arena on Feb. 24



JACQUELINE WHITE / THE RIF James Shaffer plays the bass guitar during Korn's opening show for their world tour.

all," according to Jonathan Davis,

Earlier in the day.

Feb. 24 Korn day in the city of Bakersfield.

Student government to

e in ballot initiative

- Davis, James Shaffer, Reginald lead singer of the band. The song present during the ceremony. A

"It was good to be Korn Row in rec-

— **Jonathan** Davis,

Rabobank Arena

ognition of the

fact that no other band has performed as many

Korn band member to say "that they'll work on getting a real street



Korn frontman Jonathan Davis performs at Rabobank Arena on Feb. 24 following a ceremony that named an alleyway after the band. Korn has played at the venue more than any

GOP: Elite party members assemble at GOP dinner that was attended by over 600 people

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fact that it was an Arab state was a non-issue.

ed his occasional disagreebut overall praised Bush to Republican heroes Ron-

In his later speech in front of the diners, he notments with the president for his strong will and solid leadership, comparing him aid Reagan and Abraham

Much of the speaker's President Lincoln, segueing into a story about how

chalant style and entertaining anecdotes, including one function, including a silent auction by the Bakersfield where he referred back to his days as a high school wres- Young Republicans and a raffle by the Bakersfield Reting coach and he doubled as a bus driver.

Hastert compared running the House of Representatives like that cumbersome bus full of mischievous teenagers; trying to keep and eye on the road while

rear facing mirror, which he used to guard his back from the troublemakers.

Hastert compared running the House of Representatives

keep it on the road while an eye on the rear facing mirror, which he used t guard his back from the

at the same time keeping an eye on the

Lincoln was born in what is now Hastert's district in the tickets were \$150 and they allowed the holders to attend Other fundraising activities were allowed during the



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CANCEL: Site aims to help students avoid confusion

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ment of the canceled class meeting will resemble the online schedule's

depiction of an offered course. The announcement will read the course name and instructor's name. time of class meeting and date the class is canceled.

The designation "canceled class meetings" will help avoid the confusion of students thinking that the class was permanently canceled.

Through this site, instructors can

inform students at least two days ahead of time if their classes are go ing to be canceled.

Instructors can also inform students about quizzes scheduled immediately after the canceled class

Of course, if students do not have a home computer this would be "bad,"

meetings, Barnett said.

A possible remedy for students lacking computers, which is "very far in the future" Barnett said, would be for students to sign up for a telephone text-messaging service to inform them of canceled class meet-

According to Barnett, students with suggestions for improving the Web site can "feel free" to contact him or the Information Services De-

According to BC student Rosanna Guevara, 20, a sociology major, this site "should have been done previ-

"It'll save students time," said Jan-Hastert spoke to a vier Dixon, 18 and a Sociology ma packed house, with over

"It'll be convenient," said Joseph Moore, 19, a music major. Sef Ayala, 24, a biology major, isked "Will it be cost-efficient? Will

If so, will it take money away from other programs? If it does, which

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Life's a peach

By NICK STOCKTON Rip staff writer

dorsed by some literary foundation, I where he reflects on his urge to atpersonally meet it with some amount tend UC Berkeley. He recalls those the organization means to push with the Valley behind and setting the their selection. My reaction was no considerable weight of his intellect

sumed it would be a memoir without substance, a weightless stroking of

journey through the psyche of a farm- altered. Anyone who has spent a proer who records the

dichotomy of his functional brand prose. David Masumoto, the man who balances the living while saving a species of peach whose taste and texture belies

To save his peach, he has

buzzing wings. He refocuses his eyes focus for a personal revolution.

else. Masumoto has a gift for under- It is about the strength, determinastanding all sides of a situation.

His invocation of the romanti- understand what truly defines succism of the family farm is offset by cess or failure. the often humorous anecdotes on the In thinking back to my preconightharpoonup frivolity and missteps he makes. "It ceived notions about this book, I now is fun admitting that you don't know see it not as part of a propaganda efwhat you're doing. This is the free- fort to homogenize some countrified dom of naïveté." In his admission of edict that we use to reevaluate our this lack of knowledge, he frees him lives. This is the Kern County Su self to experiment with his work habperintendent of School's way of inits, with varying degrees of success. troducing us to Masumoto's history

His admission of ignorance comes of the emotions of hard work. It was through long internal struggles that their effort to help us recognize the besiege his higher sense of purpose. traits and struggles of Masumoto, re-He admits to his youthful dreams of late them to ourselves, and ultimately infallibility and the gentle letdown of be entertained while doing it.

understanding that comes with time

One of the most poignant sections Whenever a book is highly en- of the book lies in the latter half. of skepticism, wary of what agenda days, when he dreamed of leaving different when I heard about the One against the tribulations of modern Book, One Bakersfield movement life. He yearns for the time when he and the choice of "Epitaph for a would return as the errant son and Peach" as this teach his friends and family about year's piece the more important worldly values of environment, arts, and society. He eventually accomplished his

goals of attending the university, but synopsis, I as- found a deeper truth under the folds haughtiness. As soon as he pulled into his parents' driveway after some time spent at school, he transformed world view having not been per-Instead, I was met with a floating manently changed, only positively tracted amount

of time away relate to the feeling of hav. of returning it.

in his personal quest for

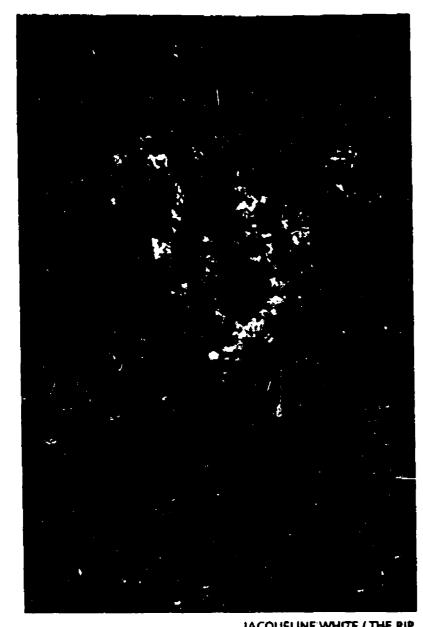
in what he labels "modern farming": his ancestors' profession. This equiwhich is characterized as working librium is reached through the effort against nature. He begins his redefi- for salvation of his Sun Crests. They nition of work ethic by redefining the are the self-hung bait that is dangled words "weed" and "pest." Gone are in his face whenever he gets distract the ugly sight of ramant growth and ed by modern folly or impertinent away with the sounds of disaster on tradition. The Sun Crest peach is his

and sees the beauty of wildflowers A celebratory perspective on the and pineapple grasses. He trains his nature of work and the gracefulness ear to be an aficionado for the har- of labor is paramount to the appremonies of a burgeoning ecosystem. ciation of this book. "I can't court Thus, he is working with nature: the thousands of shovelfuls of earth He stresses though, that this is not I have moved in my life. But I like the life for everyone and he takes the to think of the thousands that lie in risk of organic farming because his my future, if I am fortunate," he says family is well-established, and he during a passage outlining one of his can afford it. Never in his book does many chores. This book is not about he try to force his lifestyle on anyone the success or failure of his peaches. tion, and appreciation that it takes to

and bureaucratic nightmares.

self-proclaimed "street-person," has

A different perspective



JACQUELINE WHITE / THE RIP An Evergreen Pear tree is backlit by the lights in BC's Campus Center at night.

Giving a hand to the homeless

By NICK STOCKTON

food serving area declares this to or just to pet his dog Baby-Boy. be "Soup for the Revolution" in sloppy, giant, cursive handwriting. is a right, not a privilege. They A line of about 50 of Bakersfield's serve vegetarian footbbecause of hungriest downtown residents line a belief in the sanctity of all life as up to be served a heaping vegetari- well as the environmental concerns an feast. This is the weekly meeting with growing animals for food. Alof Food Not Bombs, a local chapter though vegetarian fare is preferred. of a nationwide humanitarian effort all donations are accepted.

that defics stereotype. The typical effort for the homeless involves some elderly organiz- food at anti-war rallies across the ers, a religious backer, some form globe. Local groups in areas struck of central organization, and a heady by tragedy have often been the first sponsorship effort. However, these on the scene, serving up their vegpredominantly young philanthro- etarian food lines. They've had onpists have no religious affiliation, mainframe of leadership, and very little outside sponsorship.

They meet every Sunday at Cenfood daily in the ravaged area. tral Park downtownon 19th Street with the right amount of food to make sure every mouth is filled. Louie and Belinda, two Bakersfield College students, alternately

explained that it was local Food Not Bombs benefit shows, food dothat help them meet their goals.

Bobby, a wheelchair confined,

This style of philanthropy is rare tions belie what is at the heart of it: in a world of organizations rife with they have gotten together to make internal strife, missed deadlines, a difference. For one day a week, their Revolution of Soup is staging

down. I come mostly to visit with people. We're all friends." Many of The crossbeam of the roofed Bobby's friends come over to visit,

The group, along with other autonomous factions, also serve free going efforts during the Hurricane Katrina disaster, with the local New Orleans chapter devoted to serving

The group helps many of the needy women and girls who come to their functions, with "airbags." such as shampoo, soap, clothing, and feminine products collected by members. They also have been

The complexity of these opera-

paychecks and have beautiful-looking people throw themselves at them on a daily basis. For the most part, I have found this not to be true.

There is a lot of preparation that goes into being a DJ. Before I even get to the radio station, I am constantly try-I start off every radio break by ing to figure out what I'm going to say saying 106.1 KRAB radio, the new on the air and how I'm going to say it. rock station, and I always end it with I have come to realize that the reason KRAB radio, K-R-A-B, but what I say most people listen to the radio is not in between is where the magic of my to hear someone in a booth prattle on, except for a few exceptions.

They listen to the radio to hear music and to find out what is going on in

On top of conducting a live radio show each week. I also edit and prep two additional shows to be played later in the day. Combine that with running around to the various different other radio stations in the building and mak-I have been working for KRAB Ra- ing sure that they are running at opti-

thing that most makes it worthwhile In order to apply for the job I had to drive into Bakersfield from Delano. to make a demo tape. It's an odd thing in the early morning to do this job, is making a demo tape for the first time; the knowledge that in some small way your head is filled with all these grand I am having a positive impact on the

radio, but in actuality what you end up. the eclectic listener base. I have evwith is a collection of stuttering, trip-eryone from long-hauling truck drivping over your own words and awk- ers who are just trying to stay awake at the wheel, to late night workers After making the demo tape, I spent who are hoping their shift will go by the longest two minutes of my life sit- as quickly as possible, to insomniacs ting in my boss's office while he lis- and late-night partygoers calling in to tened to it. After he heard the tape, my give me their thoughts on life, liberty boss gave me some constructive criti- and their personal use of marijuana. I cism, a few words of advice and to my ' find it amusing that not a week goes by that I don't get an offer to smoke some The 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday shift kind of illicit substance with someone

Such is the life of a late night DJ. I think a lot of people don't fully and I would be hard pressed to trade it

refore I started working at a radio sta- The Logan Holmes Show can be tion I thought all DJs did was stagger heard each and every Saturday morninto the radio booth right before their ing from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. on 106.1,

Life as a late night DJ isn't what you think

■ BC student Steven Martin. aka "Logan Holmes" when on air, shares his DJ experience.

By STEVEN MARTIN

To be in radio is to be an amalgam of various traits and skills.

dio for about a year, after initially starting off as a weekend station babysitter, somewhat hectic work shift. which basically means I monitored the One word of advice: if you have station to ensure it stays on the air at trouble doing more than one thing at a all times. Sounds glamorous doesn't time don't get into the radio business. it? After about five or six months of It is very humbling and quite incoming into work at 6 a.m. on Suntimidating to know that hundreds, if days, I was finally able to wear down not thousands of people can hear the my boss to the point where he gave me sound of my voice on a weekly basis. a shot at living my dream of being on. Aside from a modest paycheck, the

ideas of how you are going to make people who listen to my show. the greatest demo tape in the history of I also have noticed that I have quite

was mine, now what the heck was I in the greater Bakersfield area.

anderstand what a DJ does. I know for anything. shift, talk into the microphone every KRAB Radio.

FEATURES

Dem Franchize Boyz new CD retreads old rap cliche

By DANIEL PETERSON

BC BRAINS

Compiled by Victor Garcia I

Editor's note: BC Brains is a feature

Chad Allen, biology: "Torino, Italy."

that asks students a question to test

their knowledge of all things trivial.

Where were

the 2006 Winter

Olympics held?

So what's to be said about Dem life in the ghetto, but the album, Franchize Boyz? Well this is one "On Top of Our Game" doesn't of those groups where you don't seem to show anything like this. know if it's These boys ain't gangster, so they no way of knowing since this is the with melody. a real group pretty much just talk about materi-

standing about the neighborhoods

sive jewelry. It could be that they lease, they're pioneers and such.

nothing special, it's nothing that I profanity. Well that's not right.

that they grew up in, and that they I don't understand all this business with the T&A. It's all wearing thin if you ask me.

only entire rap album I've listened I don't understand all this busito ever. The rapping aspect is OK, ness with the materialistic goods I have to admit I don't know I guess. Nothing that's too fast or and the chicks with the T&A. It's much about rap music. So I'm just witty. They curse a lot. DFB thinks all wearing thin if you ask me. shouldn't earn money this way. gonna talk about how I personally if you run out of ideas about ho's What I'd like to hear from them Rap music could and has been so feel about the way it sounds. It's and money, just fill the gaps with is their true thoughts and feelings

The biggest part of rap as far as Isn't there a downside to this according to DFB in their press re- I see it is lyrics, and they should way of life? Yes, of course there tray it, and that's cool with me. But stand out. Maybe that's why I don't is. But where are the songs about Maybe they are, but I would have like rap "music." I prefer music remorse for the way these rappers out foolios.

Ah, yes, one thing rap like this lacks these days is soul. These guys are all about making themselves look good by cutting everybody else down. And that stuff doesn't fly in my hood, G... Whatever, I live in the suburbs.

My conclusion is that music isn't



Tiny robot good for a fun time

BY LISA VARGAS

Story," a crazy hallucinogenic and a small robot, you get Chibi-Robo.

Chibi-Robo is about the size of a him to.

coffee mug. He has a plug that is Chibi-Robo also has some great

pieces of trash and cleaning. There as often as I would like. are many other ways to make them When this semester is over, you'll even happier. Like talking to Mrs. be sure to find me locked away in Sanderson about how her husband my room cleaning, but not my room, is a dead-beat, or giving Tao a bone. only with Chibi-Robo. Chibi-Robo even has to make all the talking toys in the house happy by tending to their problems.

When you make someone happy you receive happy points and money known as moolah. The amount you receive can differ depending on how big the task is. You earn these so that you can move up in rankings of all the Chibi-Robos. The more happy points you receive the higher ranking you become and come closer to

becoming super chibi-robo. Chibi-Robo also has a manager that helps him with tasks. His name is Telly and he helps you achieve becoming super Chibi-Robo. He'll let you know what ranking you're at and give you tips throughout the game. Don't count on Telly when things start to get a little scary because he'll only run away with some excuse and leave you alone to defend yourself. The Sandersons house is very big

get from one end of the house to the other. You learn quickly to carry the plug that is attached to Chibi-Robo in order to make him run faster.

Chibi-Robo does have a hard time getting around the house because Chibi means small in Japanese, he's so small. This part of the game and that's exactly what Chibi-Robo is the only frustrating part. He only is. He is a small robot set to help jumps when he's in front of someclean house, make everyone happy thing. Sometimes it's annoying because he'll just when you don't want

connected to his back that he uses to music that goes along with the game. plug himself in and recharge. There When he walks, a little tune plays is a meter on the screen that lets you and with each type of flooring the when tune changes a long with it. When he to lose all your guitar tune accompanies the action. you advance everyone happy, but this game even more in the makes me happy. For people who game your bat- are into graphics and senseless viotery will last longer and you won't lence in games, this isn't the game have to charge yourself as often. for you. I think this game is fun and Chibi-Robo lives with the Sand- very unique because of the interestersons: Mr. Sanderson, Mrs. Sand- ing story line. There's a lot to do, and erson, their daughter Jenny and Tao you never get bored. I have been adthe family dog. You make the family dicted to it since I bought it, but behappy simply by picking up small cause of school I don't get to play it

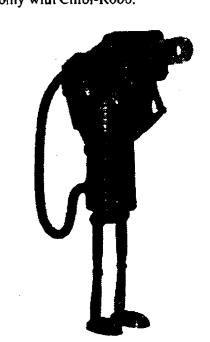


PHOTO COURTESY OF IGN.COM "Chibi-Robo", is the tiny star

Theater production in full bloom

Explosive metaphors can be found in Bakersfield College's latest production.

By KATHERINE J. WHITE

Bakersfield College actors agree that the reference to raising atomic flowers serve as the appropriate metaphor for the explosive atmosphere of the household profiled in Paul Zindel's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-on-the-Moon Marigolds" currently in production at Bakersfield College and directed by BC theater instructor Randy Messick.

The BC production will debut Wed., March 8 and will continue March 9, 10, and 11 starting at 8 p.m. with a 4 p.m. matinee Sunday March 12. The production is being shown

in the S.A.M. building in room

Speaking of the production's location, Messick remarked that, "not many plays are done here" (in S.A.M. 107). However, Messick finds the room's atmosphere "very intimate."

Messick said "Marigolds" is a "great play," and that it focuses on the relationships between a bitter, cantankerous, alcoholic mother named Beatrice and her two daughters, the troubled, epi-rehearse for the upcoming play "The Effect of Gamma Rays leptic Ruth and the sensitive, in- on Man-on-the-Moon Marigolds".

tellectual Tilly. Speaking of Beatrice, Amy Hall, who plays her, said Beatrice has "several mental issues" her own eyes," and that she tends sensitive and very academic." to "blame everyone" for her life.

Beatrice's other daughter is Tilly and that she "finds it hard to be a and is portrayed by BC student Jesto Hall, "sees the world through acter is "very confident, complex,

zales, who plays daughter Ruth, is Tilly's science project contest all-female household. says that her character is "very rival, Janis, played by Goehring. insecure, very confused, very Goehring says that her character is moth proportions in this play. complex, extremely volatile, and a "snobby little girl who doesn't try That's what's so fascinating about doesn't know what her place in very hard and just skims through this play," he said.

and doesn't really work." Speaking of the mother, Beatrice, Messick remarked, "Drunks have good morn." Beatrice, according sica Zinn who says that her chartheir moments; they realize, 'I'm pathetic! I'm a loser!"

Jessica Zinn, left, Amy Hall, center, and Samantha Gonzales

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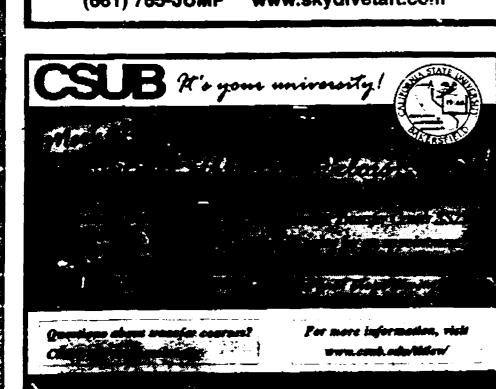
Messick summed the play up by According to BC student actor saying that the mundane aspects of BC student Samantha Gon- Katie Goehring, on the periphery life are fuel for the fire in the play's "Pedestrian things take on mam-

'Date Movie' goes beyond being the worst

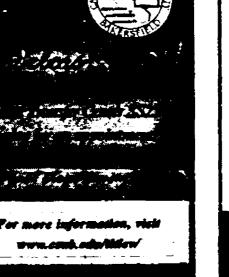
of a new video game of the same name for Nintendo for the little robot. It takes time to

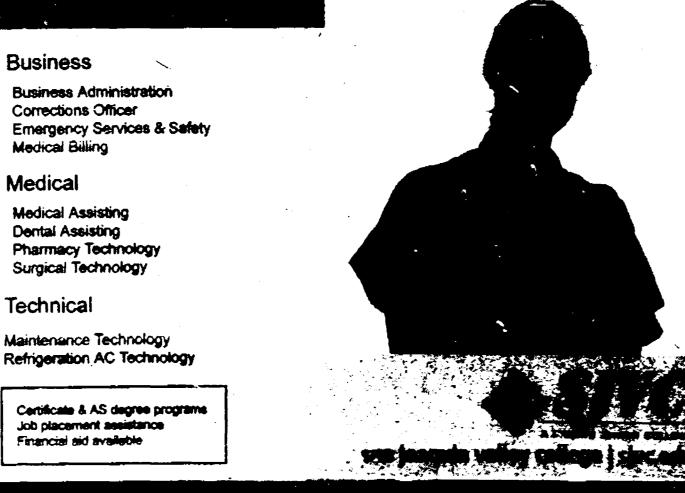
been attending for several years. Career Education "I usually just hang back for a











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By ANNA ROBLEDO Funkyerdoder, played by Adam Campbell. The two get engaged and luve to "Meet the Parents." Much like the original, Grant has Julia Jones, played by Alyson one disaster after another while meettrilogy), is desperate to fall in love ing Frank and Linda Jones, including and have a a crude encounter with the family's "Dynamite," cat, Jinxers, and the "remains" of Frank's mother. "Big Fat Greek Later, Julia is introduced to Grant's but first she best friend and ex-fiancé Andy.

needs an "Ex- played by Sophie Monk, who tries to treme Makeover," with the help from break up her "Best Friends Wedding" "Hitch," the love doctor, to make (last one I promise). Andy succeeds "The Bachelor" of her dreams fall in in breaking up the wedding, but their love with her.

OK, that's enough of that. "Dese Movie" is a spoof on classic, romance comedies, as well as a few reality shows, from two of the ly not a good thing. six writers of "Scary Movie" - Auron Seltzer and Jason Friedberg. The movie follows Julia as she I was ready to go within the first 15

After her makeover, Julia is a con- There were a few scenes that liter- ketball and a chunk of Bernie's chest. I don't think that this was just the testant on "The Bachelor," where she ally made me gag; I had to look away hair gets caught in Frank's teeth (ala worst movie ever, I think it was just

gets a beauty makeover, combining minutes.

meets her prince charming Grant to keep all bodily functions in, like "Along Came Polly").

brings them together at the end.

This movie was everything I expected and more, which was definite-

It was the worst one hour and 25

minutes I've ever had to sit through.



PHOTO COUTESY OF 20TH CENTURY FOX Julia (Alyson Hannigan) and Andy (Sophie Monk) prepare to do battle "Kill Bill" style while in a bridal shop in the new flick

Julia popping an enormous zit on her And they show a two-minute scene

face, or Frank Jones, played by Eddie of the family cat pooping in a toilet. the reality shows "Pimp My Ride" It was just one bad "fart joke" after Griffin, and Bernie Funkyerdoder, The laughs were cheap, and the

Athletics budget records difficult to obtain

■ Students blown off in attempts to gain access to department's spending plan.

BakersfieldCollege is known to be one of the best community colleges in California. BC has qualified instructors and staff, students are willing to learn and pay \$26 per unit, a student representative fee, and a health fee among other fees that help support the college.

Granted that California offers some of the cheaper higher education and students here have got it pretty easy. However, a certain administrative department at BC is

treading water in the pool of

censorship. BC has an Clympic-sized pool with no swim team. When that question was asked the overused 'B' word comes up. Budget. Because of budget restraints BC cannot offer a swim team. When asked why there isn't a men's soccer team, the question remains un-

The Rip has requested an athletics budget numerous times from numerous people during the past year and still

When asked for a copy of a budget, college officials should release the information within two weeks, according to John Griffith, director of business services. The Rip requested three bud-

gets last semester, theater and music. Student Government Association and athletics. We received the theater and music budget with in that twoweek period; the SGA budget was received within a month of

get has yet to be received. The California Public Records Act states that public records, which include college budgets, are open to inspection at all times during the office hours of the state or local agency and every person has a right

the request and the sports bud-

to inspect any public record The Rip encourages students who care about how money is being spent at BC to formally request a budget.

As students we all pay to attend the college and the right to view the budget belongs to the student as much as it does to the institution.

It's our right under the law. Not allowing students to have access to budgets is against the California Public Records Act

MySpace critic lacks credible insight

By JULIE SALGUERO **News Editor**

religious bigotry being shoved down my throat. Oh, wait, yeah when reli-

gion is also involved. of Valley Bible Fellowship, depicted the "evils" of MySpace.com. According to an article in the Bakers- or cascading style sheets but within field Californian, Vietti plans to host a group of people to go around bars people to "delete MySpace from or invite girls over for latenight ren- the root of all evil when the root of exposes people to bisexuality is bo- nerable to sexual predators. No I'm

My Space is the

devil's playground. You must obliterate

to set up "sex dates" with minors. Internet, so should the whole world impossible, because they're just isn't that is so not the case. Vietti also mentioned that he found be condemned as evil? I think not. Nothing makes me angrier than pomography and explicit pictures of

> the Web site says, MySpace is a Playboy. Pomography existed within and if young girls feel mature enough I've yet to find pomography, but then does not lie within the fancy HTML.

MySpace who use it to get to minors Vietti told his congregation that times), but that's not MySpace's fault MySpace is evil because it exposes and MySpace shouldn't be blamed people to bisexuality and because or labeled as "evil". There are sexual

Also, pomography didn't come more easily available with the cre-

Vietti also spoke of his "battles" Yes, there are some freaks on 13 years old. If you ask me, he's just intentions. playing the red scare trying to find find a moral equivalence between a bisexual? Is that his fear? That's like MySpace is what it says it is: a 13-year-old boy bursting with hor- saying that I've become heterosexual place for friends. Act accordingly.

for friends" or as a place to pick up friends who I keep in contact with, I believe that Vietti is totally miss- ation of the Internet, it was always minors. But as humans, even minors thanks to MySpace. I've also made ing the point of MySpace.com. As around and available even before are responsible for their own actions, a few good new friends. However, "place for friends," and the true evil people's minds. It wasn't called por- to pose explicitly then they should again if I felt like looking at porn, I'll nography but the idea was the same. also feel mature enough to handle just go rens one. the situation when an older person

blaming MySpace. Besides trying to uality then maybe they'll become I hope you get my point.

MySpace is used by child predators predators everywhere, not just on the mones and an Internet site is well, because I've been exposed to it, and

Users can use MySpace as "a place year and have found many of my old

against pomography when he was approaches them with more serious younger than me I'll drive by a high school or maybe a junior high. With-Also, the argument that MySpace out MySpace, children are still vuldezvous (I have been solicited many all evil is within mankind, and he's gus. If people are exposed to bisex- not really going to hit on minors, but

Web community as a modern distraction

■ The popular online networking service MySpace.com can detract from members' daily lives.

community MySpace.com, I became immersed in the hemisphere of online social networking, like the thousands of other Americans who are somewhere right now writing their blogs in their pajames or replying to idle messages dissatisfied with MySpace. from complete strangers.

Although I never wrote a lot of inquisitive blogs, I spent hours last semester in the MySpace sphere corresponding fervently to strangers and friends.

of my free time on campos and at home typing long pointless messages to a group of col- provoking blogs, the perverts, flakes and fundleagues and fellow MySpace users, but not to tics run rampant in the Web community, and

I realized a number of things that gave me reasons to stray from the library computer commons and my own personal computer. In between writing some frivoious messages and rending an assortment of blogs, I became

For I had taken time away from my more meaningful pastimec, such as reading, studying and visiting with the living, all in the name of senseless MySpace messaging.

I was, and still am, appulled that I allowed myself to be influenced by what some social theorists call "The Distraction College," which commonly refers to the civic disengagement brought on by electoric devices such as television and video game systems.

Aside from realizing I had fallen into a tran that is often associated with my MTV generation, and had wasted precious time engaged online, I came to a point where I was simply Near the end of my steady online activity.

I would often catch myself rolling my eyes when I was confronted with an abound profile or outlandish photograph. Although I did observe

well-adjusted individuals and still do, with thought-

are far too common to spend a serious amount I am aware that someone might argue that fits, but mind you, Myspace represents itself at

"a place for friends." After becoming acquainted with the popular online "place for friends." I'd rather take my chances in the offline social circuit of real life devoid of lecting photographs and vain said

By DOTTY BURNS Opinion Editor

When I first discovered the popular web

Although I never wrote a lot of inquisitive blogs, I spent hours last semester in the Myspace sphere.

the extent as before. I cut back from MySpace last semester after of time on MySpace. thought about it introspectively

aware that what I was doing was really not very constructive, and I was missing out on things that were more important to use.

Feb. 13 at 7:20 p.m. A Bakersfield College student reported that an unknown suspect pilfered a tree from the west side front of the Delano Community campus building on 1942 Randolph St. A

BC Public Safety officer noticed dirt around the palm area had been dug thoughtless personal statements. Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. A BC instructor reported that a

Online networking proves to be viable

By LISA VARGAS Rip staff writer

messenger). I then expanded my able. Internet time to about six or seven a day with IRC (internet relay chat) and Yahoo! Messenger.

I had searchable profiles on AIM fact I was online. and Yahoo. People I didn't know

When I was in high school I didn't I'd end up talking to them for a would say or make a joke about it. have a car or a job. I lived far from while. Sometimes this would result. If my mom was watching a news no tomorrow. No one looks at you site I no langer feel ashayned of any friends, and there was nothing into becoming friends with a person I within walking distance. So I resort- only talked to online. I really enjoyed ed to spending hours upon hours on the people I met online. I even liked ing someone from online, my mom them better than most of the people My Internet obsession started with 1 met in Bakersfield. I really didn't a few hours on AIM (AOL instant think this was weird or unaccept-

"What if you meet them and they would find me and most of the time kill and/or rape you?!" someone would say, "You should be watching weird for avoiding it.

I pretty much stopped telling anyone about my Internet life and only However, people looked at me talked about it with people who knew weird when I would mention some- me and understood why I did it. one I knew online or just even the Now I don't really worry about it lar/rich kids, the hipster/emo kids ever I mention my activity online.

Myspace.com.

Teens and even adults are meeting. MySpace accounts. people from MySpace like there is Because of the popular MySpace

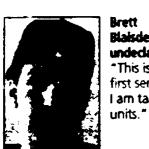
story about a girl getting raped, mur- weird if you say you met someone meeting people online anymore, dered or comething bad from meet- on MySpace. Meeting people online However, I still hesitate to tell someis so hip now it almost makes you one I met someone online because I don't actually have a MySpace ac-You can't welk 10 feet at Bakers- count, and meeting astneone from a field College without hearing some-not-so-popular site isn't as accepted one say "MySpace" in a sentence. as compared to meeting someone on MySpace attracts people from all MySpace. For I still get those "you different kinds of groups. The popu- didn't get murdered?" looks, when-

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How many units are you taking this semester in comparison to last semester?





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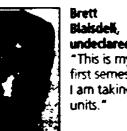
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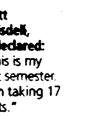
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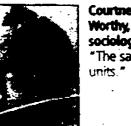
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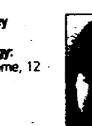
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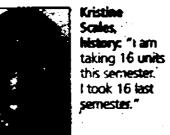
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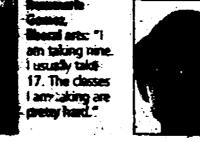
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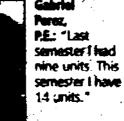
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NEWS

Love and body language

March the month for women's issues

Women's History Month at Bakersfield College attracts a wide range of speakers from diverse backgrounds.

> By ANNA ROBLEDO Rip staff writer

riences of African-American women Women's history month is upon facing issues of gender and race. The us, and BC's Women's History and title of her discussion will be "Col-More group is doing its part to help ored Girls in a Foreign Land: Africommemorate the event. This year's can-American Women Travelers in event is titled "Bound and Unbound: Furope During the 19th Century." Revealing Stories from Women's Ex-A few of the events taking place off campus include a documentary at

There will be three featured speak- the Fox Theatre presented by FLICS, ers. The first speaker is Jill Fields, and a play at Empty Space on Oak a history professor from California Street. On March 3 at 7:30 p.m. State University, Fresno. Her topic Fox Theatre FLICS presents "In the

Girdles: Shaping Lingo said that they would have liked to have more student participation shared March 9 in the events, but the lack of time didn't allow it.

Lingo will be discussing the history and use a cer- Award-winning filmmaker Jessica tions and impact on women, with her titled discussion "The F-Word-And I p.m. in the Fireside Room.

liked to have more student partici- a rebellion against godless, child-enpation in the events, but the lack of slaving men." The cost for the event time didn't allow it. The group hopes is \$4. to get more students involved next

52-year-old male BC student from

her class had exhibited "rude" and

"disrespectful" behavior toward her

in front of Fine Arts 58. The instructor

informed the student that he was in

dent responded in anger and told the

instructor that she should "adapt to

his needs." She responded by asking

danger of being dropped. The stu-

"Cut from Different Cloth: Burgas Paul Zindel. Tickets are \$5.

tain four-letter word and its implica- Yu and produced by Susan West, explores the parallel lives of legendary outsider anist Henry Darger. Reclu-Don't Mean Feminism." The discus- sive janitor by day, visionary artist sion will be held on March 15 at 6:30 by night, Darger's 15,000 page novel detailed the exploits of the Vivian Lingo said that they would have Giris, seven angelic sisters who lead

and Beliefs," a new documentary by

Cliff Orloff and Olga Shalygin. The

documentary tells what it's like to be

a woman in post-Taliben Afghani-

The final speaker is Elizabeth Sor-

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Unreal." Ac-

cording to the

site, realmsoft-

heunreal.com.

"This innovative

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tary, directed

by ' Academy

movie's

deur Pryor from UC Santa Barbara.

She will be speaking about the expe-

At the Empty Space, March 8-

11 at 8 p.m. and March 11-12 at 4 On March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Fo-p.m., the Empty Space Theatre presrum West, BC sociology professor ents "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Pat Thompson will be presenting Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," by

CRIME BEAT

him to "tone it down." The student

leave, and he sto med off.

Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 8 at &15 a.m.

shouted: "Go to hell!" He was told to

A BC safety officer reported a fail-

ure to obey an officer incident, which

occurred in BC's Free Speech area. A

riding a bicycle around campus. The

officer issued a verbal warning and

19-year-old male BC student was seen

told the student that he would submit

A 21-year-old male BC student driv-

a BC safety officer for reckless driving

and speeding south of BC's Depart-

a report to the dean of students for

to 5 p.m. March 2.

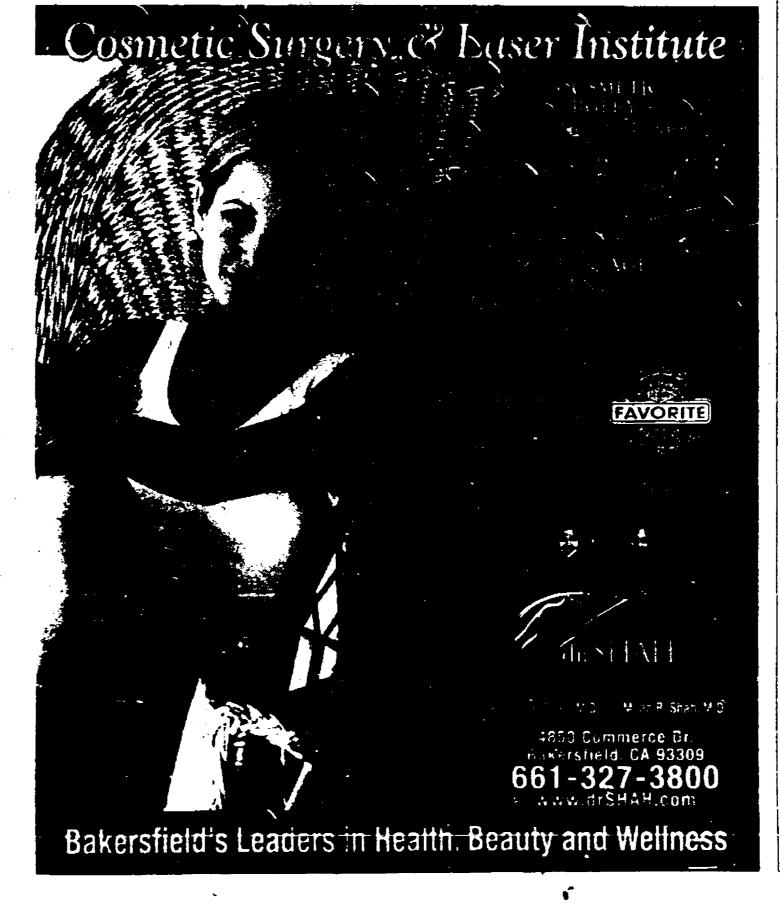
cussing his free community college proposal and the future of California. Parking is available in the lot near the football

ment of Public Safety office. The officer reportedly witnessed the student stopping at a stop sign south of BC's Human Resources office. While speed ing up, the student turned left, and started "breaking loose his rear tires" and cut off another car. The officer

him. The student exhibited rude behavior, and stated that he had been cut off. The student yelled at the officer, "Are you taking pictures of my car? Because if you are you better not put the pictures on the internet without you giving me the proper paper work first." The officer stated in a report that he had a camera, but that he had not taken pictures.

stopped the student and questioned

ing a gray 2004 GMC was stopped by Compiled by Katherine J. White from BC Public Safety reports



BC provides a career pathway

By ARNETHA PIERCE Rip staff writer

third annual Career Pathways Open day is open to students "who are House on March 3 at BC.

According to Ed Knudson from colleges will benefit from the open the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, "Invitations

from BC president William Andrews, rate classes in which the students followed by words from Knudson will participate: Digital Arts, Digital and financial information from Joan Photography, and Art Appreciation/

The students will then be divided of demonstrations and hands on projinto their career pathway they se- ects for students to try." commented lected. The six pathways are agri- Koeth. culture and natural resources; arts, media and communication; business, each student to pick and chose a camanagement and technology; health reer, and to find out what options are services; and public and human ser- available to them in their pursuit of a

"Our goal is to provide career and independence. program information to the high schools so that an informed decision a better understanding of the types is made on their continued course of careers available in their chosen work at the high school level and pathway and will realize they can a decision is made on a BC and/or begin their career training at Bakers-

Budy from the office of Economic and Workforce Development. David Koeth, coordinator for arts Bakersfield College will host its media and communication, said the

exploring careers and considering

The career each student chose were extended to students from 40 may be the pathway into the world high schools, covering 2,800 square of financial, and educational indemiles, which includes Delano, Mc-pendence. "The Art Department Farland, Wasco, Arvin, Kern Valley will host about 100 students as part of the Arts. Media, Communication The day will start with a welcome pathway. We are planning three sepa-Journalism. The classes will consist

> Career Pathways is designed for career with financial and educational

"I'm hoping students will have college career or major," said Janie field College," Koeth said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Controller Westly coming to BC The Bakersfield College Democrats will be host

Photography major Isaac Stewart, left, and theater arts

Day freestyle dance off outside the BC Campus Center.

major Sade Jones show off their moves at the Valentine's

Small business conference set ing State Controller Steve Westly for a roundtable The 15th annual SBDC small business confersession in Science and Engineering 56 from 4 p.m. ence is scheduled from a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March Westly, who is running for governor, will be dis-9 at the Weill Institute at 2100 Chester Ave.

JOSE VEGA / THE RIP

CSUB on campus for admission event Celebration for retiring professor

teaching in the Art Department.

lery from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 9.

Cal State-Bakersfield will be holding an on-site admission event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 7-8 at Bakersfield College. BC professor Al Davis is retiring after 35 years of

An exhibit of a large number of his paintings will

be on display in the Wylie & May Louise Jones Gal-

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team is in the process of finding a

balanced combination of players to

each event and of the six, the lowest

"I need my starters to show up, and they're starting to do it," Cook said.

This year's top players include

team captain Justin Pitts, a sophe-

more, who sat out last season. Pitts is

a product of North High School and

was one of the only teenagers ever to

win the Kern County Amateur golf

"It's coming around good," Pitts

Another sophomore standout is

Scott LaBare, who sat out two sea-

sons and has returned this season.

LaBare has brought a higher degree

"With age comes experience."

Freshman Tony Denesha, a Stock-

dale High School graduate, has

helped to bring depth to this year's

tearn. According to Cook, Denesha

averaged 69.8 strokes in high school

conference play while playing base-

Key returners from last year in-

clude MVP Mike Yates, who quali-

fied for the Southern California

Men's Golf Championship last year,

said of the season and his team.

of maturity to this year's team.

Cook said, referring to LaBare.

Even though there are 11 golfers on the team only six can compete at

compete at each week's event.

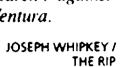
five scores are totaled.

SPORTS

What a racket!

BC's Jason Broussard has won two dual matches this year and last year against Fresno. BC's next home match is at 2 p.m

March 7 against Ventura.





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MONTGOMERY WORLD PLAZA

One putt at a time

■ Bakersfield College golf team showing signs of improvement on the

By JOSHUA AYERS

The Bakersfield College men's golf team has played in six events since Jan. 15, the start of the spring sports season. Despite disappointing scores, Coach Larry Cook said the team is showing signs of improve- ent I've ever had," said Cook.



Mike Yates, left, and Justin Pitts practice at Rio Bravo.

Cook, who is in his fifth season as because of the talent and experience.

"[This is] the deepest group of tal- coach, said that he made space for On top of playing golf every day, the

and Kyle Neal. WSC matches, according to Cook, are basically showdowns between all teams in the conference. Unlike other sports such as tennis or baseball, which play one team at a time for conference games, the golf team doesn't play a dual meet. Rather, they play all WSC teams each time a conference match is scheduled. "Every match is a mini-tourns

ment." Cook said. For conference matches, golfers

play 18 holes. Postseason tournaments such as the Southern California Regional and State Championship are 36-hole matches.

Cook said that on top of being fulltime students, the men's golf team practices an average of four to six has a job.

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team below .500 ■ Team has won only two of

their last seven games during what has been an 'ep and down' season.

> By KATHERINE & WHITE Copy Editor

The stretch to the furish is really amounting to a "stretch," according to Bakersfield College baseball coach Tim Painton.

In fact, BC's baseball season has been, according to Painton, "up and down," and it is "stretching everyone (on the team) a little thin." However, Painton said, "that's the nature of

The Renegades have had their ups and downs, including a five-game locing streak and a five-game winming streak. They've only won two of

Conference, BC opened WSC play lass week with a 9-7 victory over Citrus College and 6-4 loss to Citrus. According to BC statistics, Ricky

Orton is faitting .478 with 12 RBI and teamenate Kyle Morgan is hitting 348 with 16 RBL Pitcher Mann McElroy has a 1.93 ERA in 32.67 innings, and left-hander Jamie Ameson has a 1.78 ERA in

30.33 immings. Painton, who worked 10 years as baseball coach at Fremo State and three years as baseball coach at Porterville College, described the nature of baseball as being "a murathon, not

a sprint." Painton said that his team's current pen "have all done well" this year. has suffered some "inconsistencies

in its offensive" performance. The Renegades continue WSC play with two games against L.A. Valley on Feb. 28 and March 2, and a I p.m. March 4 game against Con-

SPORTS

Super Bowl hero comes home

Bakersfield honors local athlete Joey Porter with special event, own day.

"It is well deserved that

- Mike Dallas,

Police Activities League

color of your skin or how much mon-

ey you had in your bank account. As

By ALFREDO ADKINS Sports Editor

the community gave him A Super Bowl hero and Pro Bowl linebacker, yes, but I wondered why his day. It was overdue." so many people would wait three

obtspoken players in the National

I soon learned of the character of that man, Joey Porter of the world champion Pittsburgh Steelers, during Bakersfield's day held for him Peb.

this young man, a two-time all-conference wide receiver and wineback graduate of Foothill High School, did not just pick up and leave town once he gained fame and money. He also has done so much for this com-

With The Urban High Steppers leading the procession, followed by pastor Vernon Kemp with the invocation, the atmosphere even before Porter arrived was festive.

"It is well deserved that the community gave him his day. It was overdue." From the minute Porter showed

tivity League center.

you got a feeling for his character. Porter worked his way to the stage with his son Joey Jr. in his arms and daughter Jayle and wife Christy at

Others in attendance were Porter's mother; brother Amosis; teacher

from Casa Loma Elementary Mayola Beverly, former high school football coach Ned Fermenter, Mayor Harvey Hall; councilwoman Irma Carson; state Sen. Dean Florez; and assemblywoman Nicole Parra.

"It was an honor to be part of this day," said Carson, who along with

Hall coordinated Joey Porter Day. During his speech, Porter stepped back from stage to speak with William Andrews, a member of Stop the

Violence, and asked for a hat from

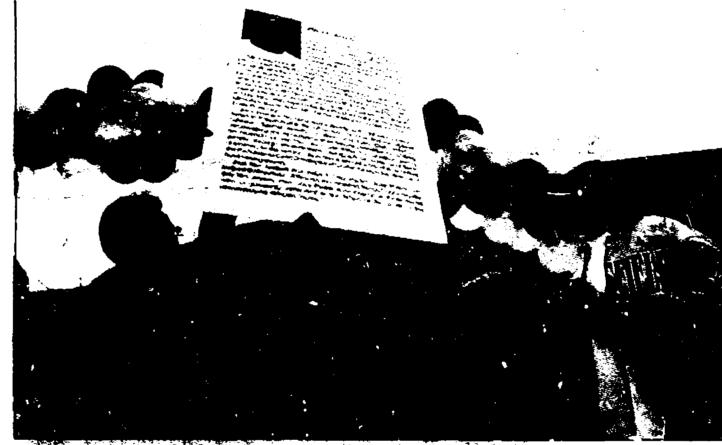
the Greater Harvest Church Choir Andrews that said Stop the Violence. performed, you found yourself with Porter's confidence and leadership a smile all afternoon talking football shined as he addressed the throng of fans about the increase of violent "He is doing a lot for the community that people don't know about,"

crime among local urban communities in recent years. said Mike Dallas from the Police Ac-It became obvious why over a thousand people waited for his autograph. Among his achievements, he paid for

a knee surgery for Princeton McCarthy, a West High football player, as well as ensuring that Foothill High football players have cleats. Add to that his involvement in

Pittsburgh with Toys for Kids and Click for Cans and it becomes obvious that Porter's most valuable traits

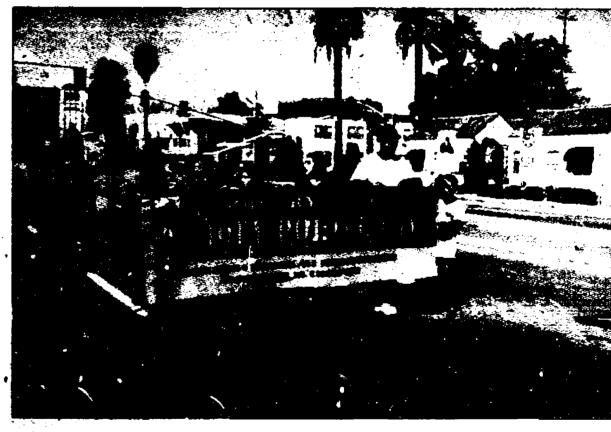




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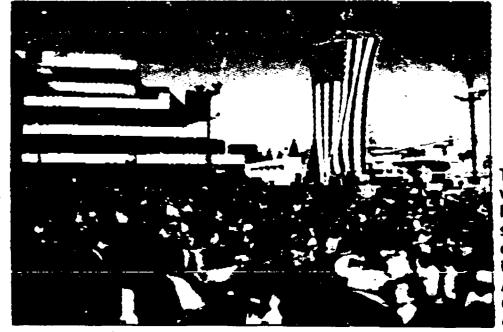




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Andrews presents
Porter with a certificate of recognition



Basketball season over for BC teams

By LEANNE CAVE Rip staff writer

The 2005-2006 season has come to a close for the Bakersfield College basketball teams. However, both the men and women can reflect back on positive efforts that entertain high hopes for the 2006-2007

scason. The men:

Under first-year coach Rich Hughes, the Renegades managed to accrue an overall record of 18-13 and capture a playoff bid for the first time since 2002, a goal the men had set their sights on before season began.

"On the men's side, this was Rich Hughes first year as head coach, the fifth in eight years, and it was a great year for us," said Jan Stuebbe, BC athletic director. "We finished the season with a winning record, we made the playoffs and we were second in the conference. I'm really excited, the future looks real promising for the BC men's basketball program."

In the first round of the Southern California Regional playoffs on Feb. 22, the 'Gades traveled to Cerritos College with expectations of adding another victory to their credits as well as advance to the second round.

However, those hopes were dashed when they were beaten by Cerritos, 77-58.

"We achieved some pretty high goals," Hughes said. "We had the first winning record since 2001(18-13, 8-4 WSC, South Division), we made the state playoffs (first time since 2002) and we finished second in the conference with a chance to win the conference (best since 1998). Nobody expected us to be at this level this season."

Even though BC did not advance to the second round, there were some individual performances worth mentioning. Terrence Johns, co-Most Valuable Player in the Western State Conference (with

Michael Martin of West Los Angeles), led BC with 22 points. Johns was also the leading scorer for the 'Gades throughout the season with a 46.9 field-goal percentage, nailing 22.5 points per game. He will receive all-state honors as well when they are selected next week, according to Hughes.

"Johns is the second all-state player I've coached," Hughes said.

Andrew Ready scored in double figures against Cerritos, tossing in 14 points. Ready had 85 assists for the 'Gades and was a WSC honorable mention selection for his efforts this season. Steve Alford also contributed to the 'Gades success this season with an overall seam effort as he was also named to the All-WSC team. Alford scored in double figures a number of times, was the team leader in assists with 109 and was tough on the boards, grabbing rebounds in key situations.

"We had quite a successful year, we would have liked to have gone further, but we have something to build on," Hughes said. "We were young this season, most of our team coming back. I don't think anybody expected us to have a chance to win the conference."

In the season finale at Gil Bishop Sports Center on Feb. 18, the 'Gades beat Glendale College 80-73 to seal the state playoff invitation. The invitation was especially sweet because of the new format. Under the old format. 32 teams were selected to participate; this season only 20 were

Once again, Johns led the way for BC as he scored 27 points, but it was an overall team effort that eventually sealed the win. Three other players posted double figures in the contest. Auron Perez added 11 points and Bed down 11 rehamds Ready banked in 13 while Christian Martin contributed 10 more points. Perez has been stellar on the boards with 218 rebounds for a 7.3 season aver-

With all but two players return-

ing for the 2006-07 season, the men's basketball team should be well on its way capturing a conference championship as well as a state playoff bid.

But only time will tell.

"This season we were pretty good, we made the playoffs," Johns said. "Next year we will know each other much better and have better team chemistry as sophomores."

The women:

The Renegades (16-14, 8-4 WSC South Division) did not receive a state playoff bid but made things interesting for the rest of the conference by staying alive in the WSC race, winning six of seven down the stretch. While the two losses to College of the Canyons didn't help, the loss that ultimately climinated BC from the regional tournament was a 57-54 loss to Los Angeles Valley in the first half of the season.

The season was really long for us," said Sarah Ortiz, BC forward. Wedned injuries, and we kind of burned out. We had a talented team and all of us got along so that made the season bearable."

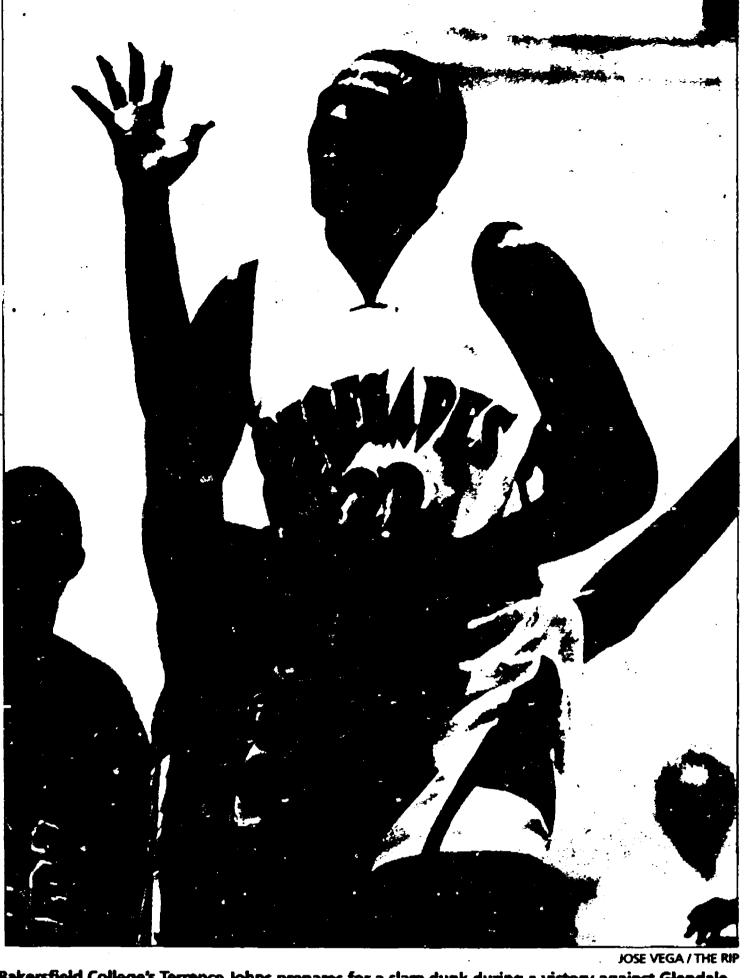
The up-and-down season ended on a high note when the 'Gades knocked off Glendale 77-73 on Peb. 18 at the Gil Bishop Sports Center. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to seal a playoff bid, even though the women had a better overall record than Los Angeles Valley.

In the victory against Gleadale, Maddi Padgett, a freshman, scored 23 points, 12 of those resulting from 3-point shots. Padgett was also 4 for 4 on the free throw line.

"Maddi has really come on for us from the perimeter," said Paula Dahl, BC coach.

Stephanie Roberts, who has played consistently in all phases of te game the entire season, added 13 points, 13 rebounds and six assists. On the season, Roberts has averaged 11.8 points, has 167 rebounds for an 8.0 average per game and 115

"I've just got a lot of open looks,"



Bakersfield College's Terrence Johns prepares for a slam dunk during a victory against Glendale.

Roberts said. "I give all the credit to my team. When LaShay went down, we had to come together as a team to get the rebounds, get the open shots and make our lay-ups.

LaShay Bagsby, who did not play the last two games due to injury, him been a force as well for the 'Gades. Bagsby has a points average of 12.5. 205 rebounds on the season and plays solid in the post blocking opponents game average. shots consistently.

plans to attend San Francisco State. led all scorers with a 59.2 field-goal percentage for a 15.1 point average per game. Not only was Ortiz consistent in scoring, but also in rebounding as well, grabbing 193 for an 8.8 per

On the defensive side of the ball. The 'Gades were balanced as far much credit goes to the play of Sharas team scoring. Ortiz, who currently rel Washington, who has contributed to transition scoring with steals and causing turnovers by the opposing teams. "Sharrel has played stellar defense for us," Duhl said. "Her aggressive style causes the other team to commit turnovers.

Globetrotters roll into Bakersfield



Harlem Globetrotters' Kevin Daley hides the basketball underneath his jersey from a New York Nationals defender at Rabobank Arena.



Michael Lee and the crowd participate in The Village People's "YMCA."



From left, Corey Smith, Scooter McFedgon and Nate Lofton dance as part of the Globetrotters' game on Feb. 16.

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W ecycles SYDE studen program

Editor in Chief

After a decline in student participation in the late 1990s, the recycling program at Bakersfield College has almost disappeared completely.

According to SGA President Ash West, who has spoken to BC President William Andrews about developing an effective recycling program, BC administrators are concerned that they would have to hire more custo-

inry services custodial and grounds director, BC does currently recycle. In 1999, Assembly Bill 75 passed. The bill (AB75) required all "state

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cycles cardboard after it has been accumulated and pressed into 300-pound bales. It is stored behind the cafeteria until there are 25 bales, frem a recycling program picks them up. Day also said that BC is credited for a percentage of recycled items picked up from the Baltersfield Association of Retarded Citizens bins located in the college's University Ave. parking lot. According to statistics provided to him by the city of Baltersfield, BC is responsible for 10

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"We're doing what we can at this point," Day said.

Other California community colleges have been more involved in developing recycling programs on their campuses. Day said that having a recycling program at BC would be a "worthy cause" but that it would require a "concentrated effort." He suggested that a starting point would be to actually make sure that trash gets into designated containers.

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Westly made BC one of his stops during his one-day visit 'D Bekersfield.

News Editor

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Above: State Controller Steve We on March 2. Top left: Westly State

in the Feth 15 edition of The Rip, BC Provident Williams Androws called the programs a "wonderful plan," but quentioned its perciculary. At the forum, Westly said that "Schwarzenegger has doubted the cost of community colleges, and community colleges, and community colleges.

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venue Elections cyber ð

In an attempt to prevent voting staud, SGA has hired a polling company to host this year's student elections.

By DANKELLA WILLIAMS
Features Editor

Baker-field Coll-ge's Student Government to call the norm will switch to an online voting format to call the norm sudent Ash West hopes the new forming higher teamout and more validity to the string to double we're a ways had a booth; how many of the 15,000 string the same of the 15,000 string higher to go to the foyer to vote?

The Web site will catable BC sandents, who attend satellite campuses like the Well Institute downsown and Delano Center, which hosts approximately 9% of BC students population, to participate in student elections, said West Students will need their student ID number to log in and west.

Child development major Anais Mosting. 20, and the said.

Several additional benefits

PHOTOS BY JOSHUA AYBRS / THE RI Baks to a simeli group at BC splayed during his speech.

Several additional benefits expected to outing from the new system including voter receipts and a accuse voting process.

"I have encountered instances of voter fraud, and that puts the integrity of our elections at stake," said West, noting that experience as why he listed electronic voting as a campaign promise in the last election.

Although the process has yet to be completed, the Web site is expected to be operational before student government elections are held the week of April 3 through the 7.

The new site will be hosted by eBallot, a company that hosts mannerous similar sites for other schools. SGA is expected to pay \$3,795 for one year of service based on BC's caroliment.

3-year-old Bakersfield News Editor College student pursues AA degree

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After that, the student is required to go through the same matriculation as any other student.

The matriculation involves taking the orientation, assessment test and a meeting with a contractor before class registration.

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erson, 13, (rigard) the yo with his father Paul.

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Breaking out of Bakersfield

Students willing to put in the travel time will find that there are fun day trips just hours away from home

By NICK STOCKTON

With the midtern barrage of stress right around the corner, getting out of town for a day or weekend trip could be the only savior for many a BC student's sanity. This could mean anything from an orchard bonfire and canal skiing in the outlying country, to Lake Isabella camping and snowboarding at Shirley Meadows. However, for those craving a real getaway, there are some bona-fide opportunities for adventure all within two hours of Kern as old as the first, has been of Central California surfers

Mountain High has a reputation among Southern Cali-

hour pass, it is also relatively inextrails and diversity of slopes avail-

able. Mountain High is divided into three smaller resorts. with East bearing more of the advanced trails. West having the most diverse trails as well as the Faultline Terrain Park for freestyle snowboarding and skiing, and the brand new North Resort catering to beginners

For Central Californians, Mountain High is often dismissed as being too far removed, with many complaints stemming from having to use the oft-crowded Highway 210. But there is another way, and it will get

you there in under 2 hours. It is

it gets a bit tricky as it weaves through the stoplights in

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out, and you happen know about it before you leave Bakersfield, you can take the 58 east past Tehachapi until it reaches the 14 south, and then follow the same directions

There are two time-honored traditions among the Central California surf community. The first has been the summertime voyages to Central Coast surfing staples such as Pismo Beach or Morro Bay, Second, and almost complaining about the quality of the waves to be found

through traffic and locals to Southern California for a single glassy left-hander off the south side of Huntington pier, or an uncontested barrel at Windansea.

> These trips are easily justified in the summer when Pismo is littered with mushy, sloppy waves and Morro Bay is overrun with hotheaded locals and inexperienced out-of-staters.

And yet Bakersfield is chock full of people perfectly equipped for experiencing a com-pletely new side of the Central Coast, with the help of two things that young folks here have in abundance: four-wheel drive automobiles and boredom.

The Central Coast contains many miles of unexplored coastline with hundreds of empty breaks. The wintertime conditions are breathtakingly cold, but offer some of the cleanest rides this side of Santa Bar-

With a warm enough wetsuit (at least 4 nillimeters of thickness is recommended) and some booties, the chill can be ignored and surfers can enjoy the consistent, occasionally overhead sets, while taking it a pure, unobstructed view of the coast

One way to do this is by driving straight eastbound on Old River road from the Highway 99 southbound. Once nast the I-5. Old River turns into Route 119, and one should continue to take it until it reaches Taft.

Take the 138 until you see Largo Vista Road, and take south, taking it about 20 miles through winding hills un-

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Passing on the 'Peach'



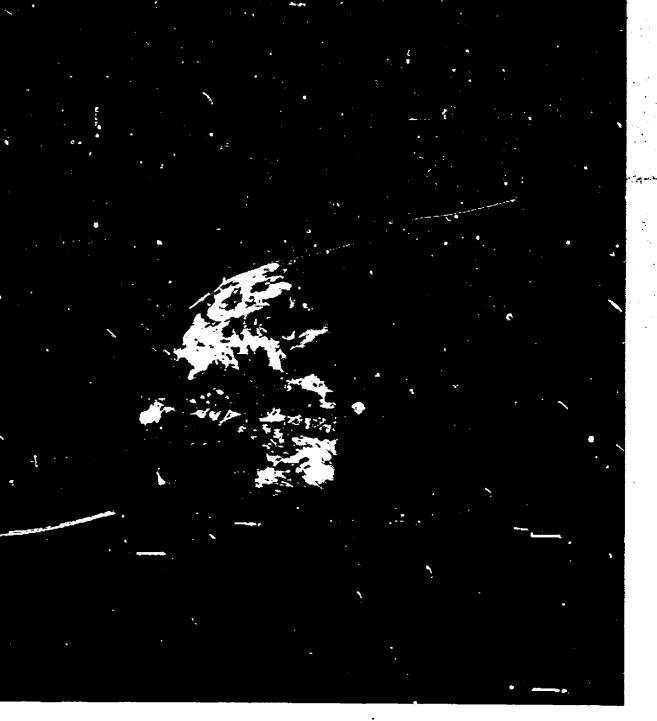
Photos by Daniela Garcia / The Rip



Above: David Mas Masumoto, author of "Epitaph for a Peach," gives peach jelly to Lawrence Conley, 11, while he waits for an autograph. The author was in town March 1 as part of One Book One Bakersfield. The program encourages community reading and discussion, and selects one book to promote at a time. Past books include "Fahrenheit 451," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Farewell to Manzanar".

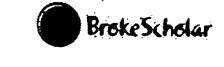
Left: Masumoto reads excerpts from his book to a crowd gathered in the auditorium at Beale Memorial Library. The author will be in Bakersfield again tomorrow to read and discuss excerpts from his book at the opening night of the Horace Bristol photograph exhibit "A Journey Shared." The event will begin at 6 p.m at the Kern County Museum.

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Diva Jones sings "A Gershwin Medley" at the BC Indoor Theater on Sunday.

Diva performs at BC theater

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monly known as Diva Jones. BC student and ensemble muwho is part of the New York sician, Brenda Hansen played Metropolitan Opera Company, the flute at the event while her came to the Bakersfield College husband. Erick, watched as indoor theater on March 12 as a an audience member. Accordpart of the Spring Breeze concert ing to Erick, the ensemble did a in honor of late civil rights activ- "very good job." He also added ist Rosa Parks, along with the that Martinez is "very char-

hearsal before with the ensemble September of 2007.

me to come ... I am happy to be here," said Jones, "I love the the-

ismatic and brings the best." BC music instructor Robert Jones plans to write a book about Martinez, who set up the event, her life and the struggles of being invited Jones. According to Mar- from a poor family in a coal mintinez, Jones performed in a very ing town to becoming an interna-"gracious" manner. Also, accord-tional opera singer. According to ing to Martinez, Jones had one re- Jones, the book should be out in



Johnny Gonzales (left) and Brenda Hansen both are playing the flute for the Bakersfield College Wind Ensemble on March 12.

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Art teacher honored at gallery

■ Retiring art professor Al Davis was honored at BC gallery. Friends and former students attended.

> By BECKY JIMENEZ Rip staff writer

An exhibit gallery and reception was held March 9th for Al Davis, retiring BC art professor, in the Wylie & May Louise gallery at BC. Many of his fellow colleagues,

students and friends attended the celebration in honor of his retirement Alice Goodman, a former Davis student from 20 years ago, attended the celebration and said Davis' work

Goodman said she loves the way he handles color. Even after 20 years, she has implemented his techniques into her own paintings.

Not only did his former students attend but his friends did as well. Steve Langjahr has known Davis since grade school. Although after college they drifted apart, Langiahr drove from San Bernardino to acknowledge a career like that of Davis "It is a special day, and it's a pleasure San Jose State and pursued a career to be a part of the celebration," Lang- in art.

Greg Goodwin, a BC retired history teacher, said he has always been impressed with Davis' work. "He has Davis' teachings."

Davis attended San Bernardino Community College and earned a Calderon said. scholarship to the Otis Art Institute He received two degrees, a bache- play at the BC gallery through April

arts. Davis began his teaching career at BC in 1971, 35 years ago at the ber of Davis' paintings in watercolor

fessor, Davis has stimulated and in- span of 20 years, beginning from the spired students to think up their own '70s until now." Davis said. style of composition. He has provided students with the right tools and skills needed in order

to become a successful artist. Mark Calderon was a former Davis student 31 years ago. Calderon He graduated from BC attended



DANIELA GARCIA / THE RIP Fulian Calderon observes the "Three Shields" painting at the BC art gallery,

Calderon is currently an artist/ sculptor in Seattle, Wash., and at-

"He created an environment where you felt free to create. His art work is such a free form of expression," A celebration of Davis' career as an instructor and artist will be on dis-

The exhibit features a large num-"The series contains a mix of a

Davis' current work represent three directions; the use of symbols. visual vocabulary and lastly textile surface texture of the canvas.

Davis' retirement will become effective in May. After retirement, Davis says he plans on still teaching an

astronomy research are the Mount

Wilson observatory and Fresno

When asked how accurate these

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There will also be school trips for

students in middle and elementary

of the biggest pros to space explo-



JOSEPH WHIPKEY / THE RIP Al Davis, BC art teacher, is retiring and moving on. Davis was at the BC art gallery March 9.

A look into the universe at BC planetarium

By DANIEL PETERSON

Bakersfield College will be seeing State. an expansion to itself by next semes-

The BC planetarium is expected be, Strobel replied that it would be to be completed in June, according super-accurate. He explained how to professor Nick Strobel, who is in the all-dome video system would be charge of the astronomy program.

Strobel explained that he had be- with each other and calculate thoucome involved in astronomy in the sands of years beyond the present. summer when he was between eighth probes were reaching Juniter and schools, where they will attend hour-Saturn. He said this event sparked his long presentations about astronomy interest in astronomy, and that he had and the galaxy. Strobel said that one been hooked ever since.

The new planetarium will consist ration is the economical factor that of a new star projector that can show more stars. It will be capable of displaying the sky from any location on Earth at anytime between 4,000 B.C. to 4,000 A.D. It will also have a "flight through the galaxy" simulation, 36-foot in diameter dome ceiling, where it will all be projected on,

and a new 5.1 sound system. Due to light pollution, astronomical research is rarely done in Bakers-

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Milla Jovovich plays Violet in the film "Ultraviolet" which was released on March 3.

'Ultraviolet' kicks

butt and little else

New age films such as "The Ma- tional vampires hemophages have out a legion of men in a matter of

tion by the government.

hands on the "secret weapon."

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Zimmers has to work with in terms she peeks into the white briefcase PG-13 wet dream, "Ultra Violet" is

I found it hard to follow at times. tirely, which might leave anyone angle of the well-toned Jovovich.

Based on what I've managed to anticipating the film, like I was, bit-

grasp, a disease titled "hemophater and confused. As soon as Violet

gia" that is evidently engineered comes across the secret weapon,

by the government of the late 21st which she learns later is a dying

tion and caused them to mutate into pieces. The remaining footage con-

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they are endowed with vampiric and deadpan Violet dragging young

capabilities, but unlike conven- Six around by the arm and taking

Aside from being altogether out of thin air. The lousy computer

doomed, during the initial outbreak graphics and ridiculously contrived

of the disease hemophages are stunts are perhaps more forgiv-

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The film revolves around Violet the undetermined purpose of the

(Jovovich) who has evaded eradi- character Six. However, the way

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less where the story begins. Vio- me to eye the exit in the corner of

let manages to trick her way into the dark theater a number of times.

a heavily guarded facility run by Nevertheless, I am aware that

Daxus (Nick Chinhand) and get her some people, namely some lout-

After Violet engages in a heart- could care less about an underde-

on her sleek BMW motorcycle, scenes. For those of you seeking a

that allegedly contains the "secret the movie for you. Although Rus-

weapon" and discovers a young sian-born super model Jovovich

boy (Cameron Bright). No, it isn't fills the role of Violet as a one-di-

a typo, the boy was actually in the mensional synthetic heroine, she

The plot sounds semi-intrigu- one's ass. While the film lacks cru-

ing so far, but rather than evolve cial substance, it is brimming with

throughout the film it unravels en- scenes that capture every flawless

phage crusader. During the eve of particularly the fighting scenes.

seconds with weapons that appear

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entury has infected a subpopula- clone named Six, the film goes to

Apple keeps **iPods** comin'

■ Purchasing iPods when they first come out is a bad idea. Wait a few years to see what Apple has up their sleeve next.

> By USA VARGAS Rio staff writer

There is no doubt that the Apple iPod has changed the way we listen to music. With the way we changed, the iPod keeps changing itself. There seems to be no end in sight with the

eration 20GP

"Ultraviolet" favors

action over plot, giving

more screen time to Milla

Jovovich's abs than acting.

By DOTTY BURNS

Milla Jovovich is so laughably

inane, it devastates the science fic-

bad writing, for what director Kurt

high tech sword fighting and gun-

fire he allows a potentially intrigu-

unfolds, but it develops so quickly

The film's enthralling incep-

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white, and has a grayscale screen. I wasn't much different from the third generation iPods. The click wheel changed, and the iPod looked more

The fourth generation 20GB holds 5,000 songs and has 12 hours of battery life. I thought my iPod was the coolest thing ever. I bought it for myself on my 21st birthday.

The deal I got in 2004 with my free shipping.

People generally would put some lame message when giving them to a loved one as a gift, which is some-thing I haven't seen any other music player offer. This formeanakes your Pod feel one of a kind. The special edition U2 iPod was

out when I purchased my Pod. It was black, had a red click wheel and had all the signatures of the members

but \$349. I never thought about buying the U2 iPod since I was never a big fan of the beard. In October 2005, the video iPod

was released. There is the 30GB and The 30GB can hold 7,000 songs. play 75 hours worth of video, comes in black or white, and has up to 20 hours of battery life. The 30GB cost

\$299 has free shipping and laser en-The fact that there is a huge software upgrade for the same price is er iPods. I have been enjoying my iPod lower than consumers who just

The most upsetting new feature of the video iPod, for me, was the new black option, since my favorite color is black.

The screen is a lot bigger than the Tourist is a Collection of

bought the video iPod.

fourth generation iPods. Watching words without meaning bad as you could imagine watching something that's 2.5 inches big. You can download TV shows.

movies and music videos for your

video iPod. I personally enjoyed watching NBC's "The Office" on this tiny screen. I really don't have a place were I would need to watch TV shows on the go, but it would be good dar-

ing breaks at work or when I don't

pay attention in one of my classes. The video iPod is obviously the far more superior Mp3 player, but this makes me feel ripped off. I paid the same amount for fewer features I still enjoy my iPod, but I am now debating about selling my iFod and purchasing a video iPod. Apple will one right after I purchase a video iPod. So, I might as well just wait an-

By DAMEL PETERSON Boredom seems to be the main cause it does, but also because Ath- them. They are passionless, uninproduct a person may receive from lete brings in its own annoying little spired crap, that were only whipped

listen to Athlete if you plan on doing that's plagued our shopping mails, music to continue on.

high schools and gaming forums for

burn, "Tourist." most emo of people. The vocals drag be music without singing in it be-It's hard to themselves on each verse to hit the cause. "Oooh, that would be an think of people intended note, and then do it all over abomination." watching this again. Hopefully, people who un-

in this music supposed to be about? It's not just that emo sucks, be- There's really no point, or story to histening to Athlete's ecchomore al- attributes that could repel even the up because God forbid there should

band perform willingly attends an Athlete concert sight, but what next horrible fad will and not falling is accommodated with coffee and sensible people like me and you (I'm giving you the benefit of the doubt) This band would not exist without have to face? The best thing to do any activities that require conscious- other bands like Coldplay or Maron is to ignore it and have a warming ness. This is hopefully the last wave 5. Bands like those were acceptable sense of self-affirmation that you are of boring unenergetic emo garbage a few years ago, but now it's time for not one of the fools who has fallen to

Ex-BC teacher writes new book

By ARNETHA PIERCE

Juno," a mystical tale that connects—tween partners. surematural beings to historical "My new Web site will encourage

cording to Burns, "the book was genders, all ethnicities and nations. I named one of Bakersfield's best by ture in history," she said, Burns' oth-

An Enlightened Path." Burns also was also a former professor at CSUB collaborated with Dr. Depok Chopra, Dr. Wyane Dyer, and Don Miguel Ruiz, in writing chapters of two an-

thologies and she shared the cover of

Burns has since moved on with a new project, emphasizing female tory professor, has added one more empowerment through improved link to her long chain of accomplish- communication between genders, not for the purpose of "feminist" activity, Burns latest book, "Daughters of but true equality and nuturement be-

'People who believe in miracles turers to improve communication will enjoy this book," she said. Ac- cooperation and growth for both published in March of 2004, and was believe this is imperative at this juncer prestigious accomplishments are Burns has written two other books, being a presenter at Oxford Univer-"Wake Up And Live The Life You sity, England, Who's Who in Ameri-Love. With Gratitude," and "Wake can Education, and an International Up And Live The Life You Love, On Woman of the Year in 2004. Burns

'The Hills Have Eyes' takes old horror path

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS Features Editor

The road not taken makes all the

It would have made a big differ- the crazy guy? Pass, thank you.

MOVIE

the southwest desert. While taking a course. testing site. Let the killing begin.

generically mutated inbred gives you to part with a ridiculous amount of a hankering for torture and a taste for money to see it.

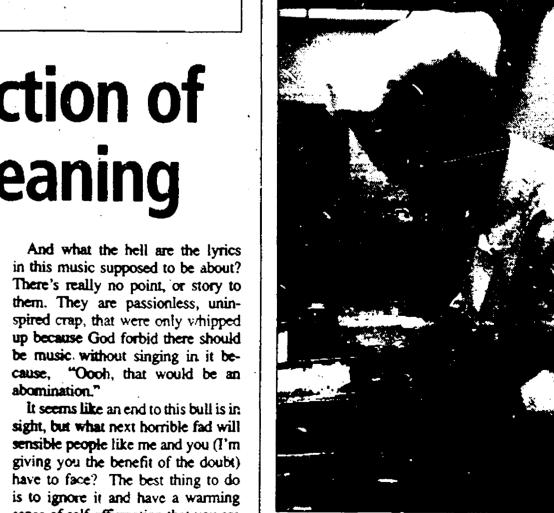
they are almost too stupid to live They stop at a gas station that is disgusting, run by a deranged man in overalls, and proceed to take his advice on what road they should take I'd take the gas, but the advice from ence for the Carter family in "The If you don't want to spoil it for

Hills Have Eyes," a retelling of the yourself, skip the next paragraph. vintage 1977 horror movie by Wes The father is burned alive in front of Cart- raped in front of her sister, and their aver- mother is killed as the girls look on age American That's not even the half of it. I kept are thinking about what this meant for traveling to Cal-the characters in a psychological

ifornia through sense, which is never explored of short cut, their car breaks down on an However I can honestly say I

abandoned US military base nuclear—was never happier to see a German Shepherd dismember a human being This is a horror movie for horror before. I think the director realized movie fans, which aside from the that the audience would need it after occasional zembie move, I am not watching such a horrible series of that into. Perhaps that is why I kept events. I welcomed every act of retalwaiting for the film to evolve. There iatory violence even though I usually isn't a great deal to "The Hills Have have a great aversion to it. Even with Eyes," in terms of motivation for its its many faults. I got into the film by gruesome killers. Apparently being a the end and didn't mind that I had

. I wonder if the surviving members The Carters are a very nice family of the Carter family ever stopped to who care for each other, the film- wonder about the road they did not makers manage to convey that with- take. Although, I don't think they had out being too cute about it. However, a moment to amidst the killing.



the beef?

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Tiffany Miller a culinary arts major, prepares parmesan in the Renegade Room. The Renegade Room is the on-campus restaurant located in the Family and Consumer Education

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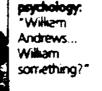
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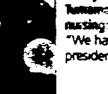
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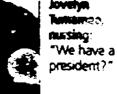
Editor's note: BC Brains is a question to test their knowledge of all things trivial.

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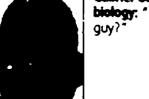


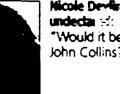




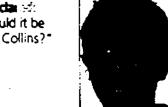


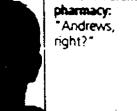














Correct answer: William Andrews is the president of Bakersfield College.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bush's reasons for war lack merit

The U.S. is at war with Iraq and priority. I am truly not that con-

claim as the perpetrator. On Sept. the Intelligence Capabilities of the

Bush gave a radio address stating, tions, but that was false intelligence.

Reader wants hard news covered

During my years at BC, I never is the substance? The Rip is a thin

really read the Renegade Rio. How- icing of worthy news covering a

ever. I have recently started brows- thick, cakey bottom of mediocrity.

pass a new issue. I have to say that I don't read your paper, maybe you

From a college newspaper I was college students and not pandering

you have nothing to say? Do you I truly hope that sometime soon I

stories on MySpace in two issues. your article exposing the student

What world am I living in where government's gross and wasteful

I feel like I'm reading a junior bombarded with meaningless, un-

high newspaper. What's coming up, important, cotton candy stories.

Afghanistan. Supposedly, we went cented about him."

"The most important thing is for us telligence failure."

After 9/11. Osama bin Laden laid

13. 2001. President Bush declared,

to find Osama bin Laden. It is our

number one priority, and we will

In October 2002, President

"Iraq has stockpiled biological and

chemical weapons, and is rebuild-

ing the facilities used to make more

On March 13, 2003, Bush was

asked about Osama's whereabouts:

"I don't know where bin Laden is. I

have no idea and really don't care.

ing through it whenever'I happen to

expecting college level material. Do

have absolutely no "big boy stories"

maybe some hard-hitting expose on

this hot new program block "Adult

Swim" or a look at up and coming

to report on? You have had three

am grossly disappointed.

this tripe passes as news?

not rest until we find him."

organizations before."

It's not that important. It's not our

In fact, a report presented to Bush

on 4/1/05 from the Commission on

U.S. stated, "This was a major in-

So, let's look at the bottom line.

Bush doesn't care where he is. Sad-

rebel artist Shepard Fairey? Where

If you wonder why more people

should start treating us like actual

can open a page of the Rip and see

something worthy of my time, like

use of college money and not be

JASON SCHAEFFER

English major

First, Osama is a top priority, then

dam has WMD and Osama connec-

STAFF EDITORIAL

BC recycling lacks effort

Believe it or not, Bakersfield College does recycle. Some. The program is not fueled by aggressive student and faculty environmental activists, or longhaired hippies or do-gooders but rather by the maintenance staff on campus who are required to as a result of AB75, a state assembly bill that was passed in 1999.

The bill required "state agencies" to divert the amount of solid waste entering landfills by 25 percent by Jan. 1, 2002 and then 50 percent by Jan. 1, 2004.

Currently the school recycles bales of cardboard and if grounds keepers can find time between their normal duties and picking up student waste they try to sort what they can of recyclable material.

This is a hardly a reasonable effort. BC students and staff need to step up the effort in the arena of recycling beyond what is deemed as necessary to fulfill a state requirement.

Santa Monica College has been building their recycling program for about 15 years. Not only are they recycling the typical materials like paper, plastic and aluminum but they have utilized composting methods as well. One in particular is called vermiculture, which utilizes worms to eat food waste. The excrement, known as "castings," are then used as organic fertilizer and pest control by the school's gardeners.

Taking steps toward having a respectable recycling program starts with actually getting trash in the trashcans, not on the ground or on top of a car in the parking lot. Small steps that could be relatively inexpensive would be for instructors to place empty boxes in their offices and classrooms and designate them to be "paper only." Paper only. For instance, old homework, quizzes, or tests that aren't good enough to go on the refrigerator, even old copies of The Rip.

Why limit it to just classrooms? Check out the trashcans next to the copy machines in the library. Most of the time there is just "junk copies" that are thrown out. It wouldn't hurt to set up some paper boxes there either.

There's no shame in starting small. The next step, following the classroom effort, would be to set up two or three bins in the cafeteria for aluminum cans and plastic and maybe one or two in Campus Center.

Once those are established the school could look into setting up more collection containers at other areas on campus that are prone

The next step would be for students to put pressure on the SGA to look into creating an assertive and effective recycling program. The SGA's involvement in the Community College League of California and participation in the Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction ballot initiative is commendable but in all actuality, California voters and politicians are going to determine whether or not those issues will become a reality.

We would like to actually see our student representative fees and Campus Center fees be used for more immediate projects like purchasing recycling containers for the school. BC could have a phenomenal recycling program if SGA were to make half the effort they made in creating the Irene Spencer Student

We will not, however, place all the burden of responsibility on the SGA because they can only do so much. A recycling program at BC, large or small, would set a great example for the city of Bakersfield. Ultimately, though, such a program would have to be an all-campus effort that would have to yield participation from William Andrews all the way down to the student taking one class a week.

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Students are too big for their britches

By JULIE SALGUERO

Bakersfield College offers college level courses as dents reach the college level. Yet, many students overlook these a favor and drop the high level and how well prepared you are. Bad grammer and poor sestence

Oh. how wrong they are. are just not ready for, causing

Unqualified students believe that having to sit through a class where then drop it. they can show up at a class and hit everybody knows you're not pre- Find out what knowledge you the ground running when the rest pared for it. of the class is sprinting.

up. They should do themselves take, but on how much you learn won't allow you to be successful. course and take remedial courses Basic skills such as note tak-

fered because students need them. sphere. and save yourself the frustration class because you don't have the knowledge of journalism.

take any course without preparing that will benefit them in the long ing, computer literacy, and basic classroom behavior are skills that you know you haven't completed Academic development and atu- students need to obtain in order to dent development courses are of- be successful in a college atmo- ments.

They're just not going to catch how many high-level courses you class, knowing your English skills

Don't sign up for a class when

Take advantage of the classes, If you're struggling in a math newspaper, you have to have some greater than failure.

prepare a student to be on the newspaper are Media and Society and Beginning Reporting.

to war because of the attacks of Cn March 20, 2003, we invaded 9/11. What people seem to ignore, Iraq and on June 1, 2003. Bush Some students who do not take however, are the statements made made this statement: "Here's what these courses generally have a by Bush that just don't add up. In - we've discovered a weapons sysvery difficult time keeping up with other words, in the world accord- tem, biological labs that Iraq denied those who have taken the classes. ing to Bush, two plus two does not she had... This is just an example that we

can all lears from Build off what you know not what you pretend to know. Prepare yourself with the basics and



Prescription ads brainwash viewers

TV and magazine ads about drugs makes audience's imaginations run wild.

> By LISA VARGAS Rio staff writer

When you turn on the television to various stations or open a magazine, you are guaranteed to see an advertisement for a prescription drug. Even though these ads are geared to certain age groups and different sexes, people who don't tit into the categories for certain medicines start believing that they do need them.

We all know that is the purpose of advertising, but this doesn't need to be done with prescription drugs. It leads the viewers to believe they have

an illness or condition that they probably don't have. in the ads people are aiways looking de-

ing, "Do you feel this way?", "Do you have year, property of the second be I do have that?" The commercials end with happy-look-

ing people with lots of personality. This persuades you even further in believing that you need to run to your doctor, so you may be that happy colorful person. A few years ago I saw an ad for Premen-

sold, I just knew I had it, and I needed that prescription drug to cure it. Every question they asked on the commercial I answered "yes." So, I must have it if I answered "yes" to a television commercial guiz.

However, I never did what the ads told me to do and go ask my doctor about getting a I just diagnosed myself, but never did any-

bing about it. I just led myself and everyone che I knew into believing I had PMDD. To this diay. I'm still not quite sure if I do neve PMBD since I haven't seen a television commercial advartisement for it in years.

Ads for PNIDD are one of the very few of scavily advectised prescription drugs. There are picaty for minimal male enhancement, allecgies, alsoping pills, anti-depressants, and then there's the commercials that don't tell you exactly what it's for

Those are usually for high blood pressure or something less exciting than named male The only positive effect with halvy adver-

cases of people questioning themselves after viewing one of these commercials, and actually helping a condition they didn't know they had. But there are probably many more cases of people asking their doctors about countless prescriptions just because they've seen it on TV or in a magazine.

strual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD), I was Ports deal part of Bush blunders list

By KATHERINE J. WHITE Copy Editor

the (now defunct) ports deal with the Arab clear holocaust. This country alone certainly Emirates is like the proverbial tale of the seems to be going down in metaphorical farmer letting the fox guard the henhouse flames, but it could also go down in literal starring that country bumpkin George W. flames. If Bush bliesfully through oversight

gering blunders, tried to run blind into a in flames through a nuclear holocaust? according to biblical scholars, the world will deal.

A recent news editorial suggested that as the Bible puts it. This could indicate a nuallowed a corner of the U.S. to go down in Bush, in another of a long list of stag- water, why wouldn't he allow it to go down

sales deal involving six U.S. ports with an Bush was even planning on using mon-Arab Emirates company centered in Dubai ey for defense to fund this deal. Honestly, completely unaware of whether or not the it gives the sensible individual standing in Arab Emirates-owned company might be helpless norror putter to think; it isn't a matsupportive of terrorism. Well, what do you ter of "if" but "when" will this fool at the expect of a guy who appeared on TV news helm of the country try again to compromise asininely stremming a guitar in front of a the security of this nation to the detriment bunch of bedraggled Katrina hurricane sur- of all? Furthermore, knowing Republicans, vivors; he looked like the modern equivalent Bush was probably planning to siphon monof Nero fiddling while Rome burned. Now, ey from social programs as help fund the the devil.

ently didn't care whether or not this com- New York Dessecratic Sensor Charles party was supporting terrorism; he didn't Schumer and others attempted to draft a bill seem to care that he started chaning after the that would prevent companies controlled by wrong crazy Arab instead of the one who ac- foreign governments from gaining power tually attacked the World Trade Center.

He keeps farmously hollering against all reason that he's unified Iraq despute all of the dead bodies that have fallen by the accomplished." Reportedly, both political tempted by a national leader, it was Adolf parties had a very dim view of this specious. Hitler whom the leader was trying to apdeal; although blistering ruder the bulgful

ABC news recently reported that the U.S. the concern over security risks to the couna category 5 hurricane, a toursami or a world- Coast Guard warned Bush that they could try the fact the more deal made them uncompany supported terrorism. Bush appar- President Bill Clinton along with

wayside ever since he declared: "Mission history shows that the last time that was at ministration resisted a demand for a 45-day next shipping titan backed the Emirates deal investigation of the possible looming secu- although the Arab Renirates opposes Israel.

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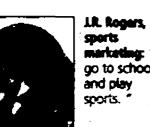
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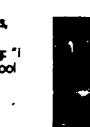
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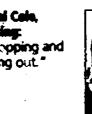


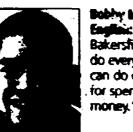


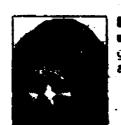


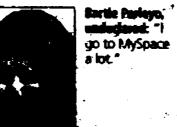


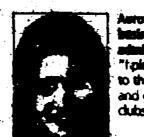


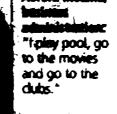


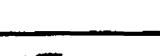












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OPINION

Hussein takes up passive resistance

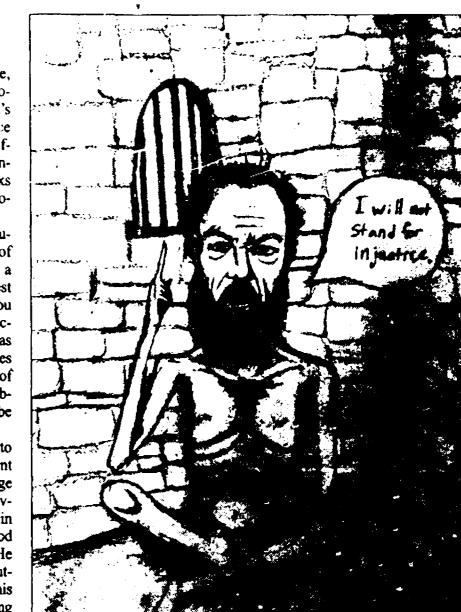
By DANIELLA WILLIAMS Features Editor

The hunger strike is a simple, classic, often-moving form of protest. Often a political protest, it's a method of non-violent resistance used by Mahatma Gandhi and suffragettes, among others. Now another illustrious personage seeks to join the ranks of peaceful protest: Saddam Hussein.

Hmmm. So far, the debits and cred-Hussein announced in Februits don't seem to balance. ary that he, as well as several of When Bush was asked by a rehis co-defendants, had been on a of those weapons." On March 6, porter from the Washington Post hunger strike for days "in protest 2003, Bush's statement from the why Osama had not been captured, against the treatment from you White House: "He [Saddam] has Bush replied, "Because he's hidand your masters." This is a reactrained and financed al Qaeda-type ing..." Yes, President Bush. And tion concerning his treatment as you're cooking the books! a prisoner and the United States involvement in Iraq. His claims of **LARITA HAENELT** refusing food have yet to be substantiated and may or may not be

> People should have the right to engage in any form of non-violent protest that conveys a message without harming others. However, I cannot believe that Hussein has chosen this particular method because of his finer qualities. He simply has no other recourse outside of appearing in court in his pajamas, shouting things during the trial to show his displeasure and just being a general pain for the judicial system.

He cannot hope to elicit Ameri can sympathies with such a pro- would truly mourn his passing if it. If you are a follower of any of test. Although we now know that President Bush's contention that connection was faulty. Hussein bei I wonder how many people- Well, let him hane one.



DOTTY BURNS / THE RIP

I'm waiting for the "Free Saddam Catholicism, Judaism or Islam, it there was an Iraq-Afghanistan Hussein" bumper sticker to catch is God who is your ultimate judge. on with the international public. was responsible for the death of a Hussein has entered into his fast strike isn't quite the plea for peace number of his own people. I will protesting what he sees as an unfair it usually is, I say we should supnot say I wish for his own death, trial and called for a new judge. port Hussein in his endeavor. This

the three major religions, namely Although his use of the hunger

Respect is needed

By JOSETTE SIMMONS

Before I begin, I want the reader to know that I am not feeling sorry for myself. I just want people to know it hurts when you mock someone with a handicap, disability or mental illness.

So many times I see society laughing and teasing the mentally ill and people who suffer with disabilities or have a disfigurement. Many times we are left to feel ashamed of who we are because of the fact that we are not perfect, and we don't look like we just stepped out of a magazine. For many years I was laughed at by my peers just because of my condition, and this left me with low self-esteem. Many times I found myself in a corner crying my heart out.

Do we have to make someone with a disability or mental illness feel like they don't belong in this world and making them the butt of a joke? Many times we assume we know people when we don't really know them at all.

I get so ticked off with society and its lame condemnations about the mentally ill and people who are handicapped and have a disfigurement. For someone who does not suffer from these conditions everyday, life comes as simple as finding a dime on the floor. It takes so much effort for someone with these conditions to live a normal life. fought for five long years to get well. I have my good days and my bad days. So finally I graduated mental health with honors.

Now I'm in college, and it feels so very good. It was so frustrating having to see a psychiatrist every three weeks. There's nothing exciting about telling a stranger your life story. Rather than putting a pill in our hands or sending us to a psychiatrist, give us a chance. The next time that you decide to

make fun of someone with a disability, remember that you could scar that person for life. Think of their feelings. Is it really worth destroying their self-esteem for a few minutes of laughter?

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Students flock to CSUB transfer event at BC

■ Many students were admitted on the spot to Cal State-Bakersfield.

By JULIE SALGUERO

Bakersfield College and Cal State-Bakersfield have come together to help out those BC students ready to take the next step in higher education. On March 7 and 8, BC and CSUB held an on-site admission event for students who have met the transfer requirements, which include 60 units

of general education at BC. The event was sponsored by Title V, which is a federally funded program, according to Title V director

for CSUB, Angela Guadian. Students were accommodated

Guadian also added that the event

through appointments or as walk-ins

to the event.

to bring in their transcripts to be eval- charge of transfers, said the event uated, by one of the on-spot evalua- was "going very well." tors, and students were required to fill Braid also added that students out an online application to CSUB if worry about leaving BC, and this the students had previously not done type of event allows students to meet CSUB staff.

met all requirements, the student was "very helpful." given a conditional acceptance letter. Recipients of the conditional letter and added, "I'm glad I came in totransfer to CSUB nor does it guaran- helpful." tee admission to CSUB, and a General According to Walker, she was

fer process for students, and the focus Blowers also added that "It also strengthens of the event is "making the transition "very few [students] have been ineligible [to transfer]." At the event students were required Barbara Braid, BC counselor in two campuses."

Once the student's transcripts were According to Braid, "it Ithe evaluated, the student would be give event] also strengthens relationen an acceptance letter if all require- ships between the two campuses." BC student Nikita Scott, a criminal However, if the student had not justice major, felt that the event was

Scott has attended BC since 2004 would be admitted once the transfer day." Another BC student was Amy requirements are complete. Accord- Walker, liberal studies major, who ing to Debby Blowers, CSUB lead filled out the online application at the evaluator, an AA is not required to event and found the event to be "very

relationships between the

- Barbara Braid, **BC** counselor

conditionally admitted and plans to transfer completely for fall 2006. "very nice, very helpful" and the overall process was "quick." CSUB also had the department of financial aid and outreach present at the event to further help out transfer-According to Guadian, a total of

166 students were admitted or conditionally admitted through the event and, "a little over 200 students" were served at the event.



JOSE VEGA! THE RIF

Transfer adviser Manuel Rosas helps Jasmin Johnston on her admission to CSUB during the CSUB on-site admission event

by Brice, who outlined a successful finance Garrison Wynn stormed the room. Wynn is

strategy with "the Four C's; Capacity [for eq- young business maverick and former stand-

Their advice was well-aligned, as well guage, as essential tools for business success.

as being rooted in common seuse and made. He suggested that the audience "always ask

mentally accessible through their cooperative—themselves what color a person's eyes are" in

business owner to outline a marketing strategy tribution to one's business, be they customer

After a catered and steaming Italian lunch,

work with the Department of Defense, Shell

His anecdotal style had the room enthu-

siastically taking notes on leadership styles

and operating tactics, in between the bouts of

laughter. Wynn emphasized the importance of

munication, such as eye contact and body lan-

order to ensure comfortable levels of eve con-

Making people, be they employees or cus-

tomers, feel comfortable and needed were the

He made clear that "If you make people feel

important, what you represent will become

This feeling of importance is only applica-

ble to those with measurable ability for con-

cerity is puramount in any dealing, noting that

false put-ons will always eventually be seen

room dispersed into more networking.

Wynn wrapped up his interactive mono-

central ideas of his motivational speech.

Small businesses, big ambitions





The many talents and faces of Garrison Wynn entertained the

audience while learning about leadership styles.

By NICK STOCKTON Rip staff writer

Let it never be said that Bakersfield is unwelcoming to fresh business opportunities. area's most motivated entrepreneurs gathered at Bakersfield College's downtown Weill Insmall business tactics.

Business Development Center, with SBDC does once they decide to start that business. director Peter DeArmond at the helm. It was Mary Beth Garrison, Marlene Heise, Lou the most elementary aspects of human comorganized into hour-long moderated discus- Leto, and Cynthia Pollard were on the panel. sions, followed by lunch and energetic keynote speaker Garrison Wynn.

DeArmond addressed the audience for the first segment of the morning, appropriately titled 'Planning Your Business." DeArmond's They made it a point to distinguish market tact. This contact is important, in his opinion overall theme seemed to entail that failing ing from advertising and sales, which it is of- because "people choose what they are comto plan was planning to fail, and he outlined many important tactics one can take to provide solutions for any issue which might arise, on implanting the image of one's business in whether obvious or not.

Following a 10-minute break were two paneled discussions moderated by local KGET and targeting a demographic, as well as deter-17 news anchor Gaylen Young. The first, titled "Financing Your Business," was chaired by Keith Brice, Scott Begin, Dana Fabbri and Linda Miles. Although they shared many views and opinions on business finance and for their proposed business during the plan- or employee. He also made it clear that sinstartup, they each had individual interpreta-ning phase. All members agreed that a sincere tions of various financial practices. This shar- belief and sense of enthusiasm about one's ing of different viewpoints made it easier for business was crucial to making it believable through and rejected. the audience to fully understand their options and desirable to a customer. and obligations when it comes to securing

uity), Credit, Cashflow, and Character." He up comedian. His initial boyishness is offset also added that one should "get to know your by his impressive credentials, which include Last Thursday morning, more than 50 of the banker before you need them." Miles added to that saying "get to know Oil, Merril Lynch, as well as being a current your insurance agent and your attorney as small business owner himself. stitute for a four-part seminar on successful well."

funding for their ventures.

The marketing discussion was lively, but logue at 1:30 to a shower of applause and the seemed tame compared to what came next.



The common consensus was summed up

The next panel discussed "Marketing Your

Other key points of their discussion focused

every potential consumer's inind. To accom-

plish this, they assigned plans for identifying

mining what a target demographic might be

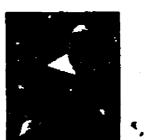
Heise strongly pushed for every potential

for certain businesses.

Business," which entails everything that one



important to them."

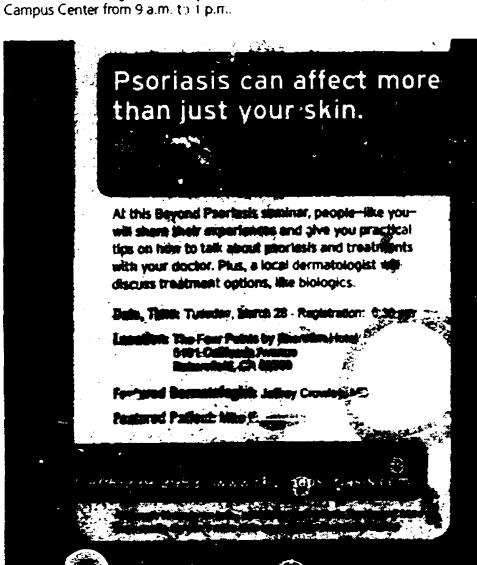


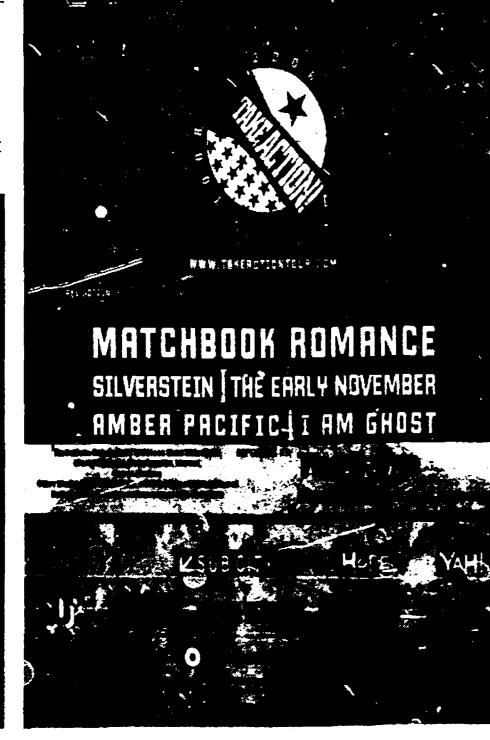
SGA holds art contest

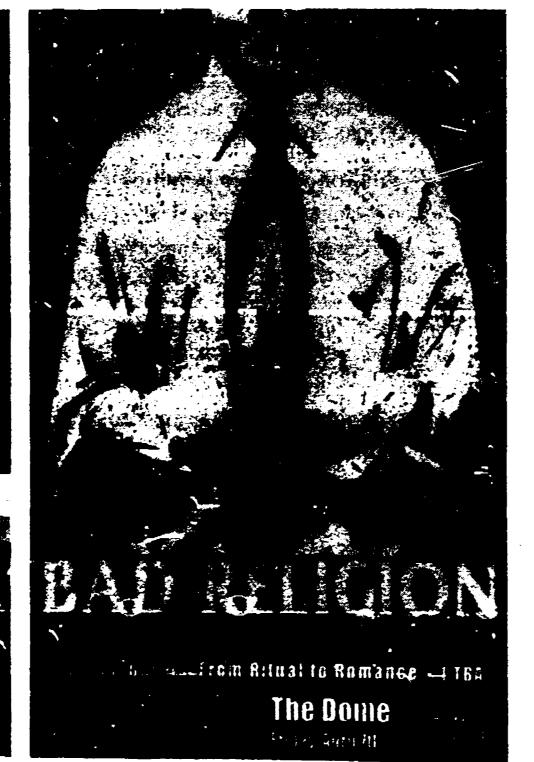
The Student Government Association is holding an art contest from March 1-30 for BC students to show off thier skills and artistic flair. Students can submit their work at the Student Activities office located in Campus Center 4. The artwork must reflect the BC atmosphere.

NEWS BRIEFS

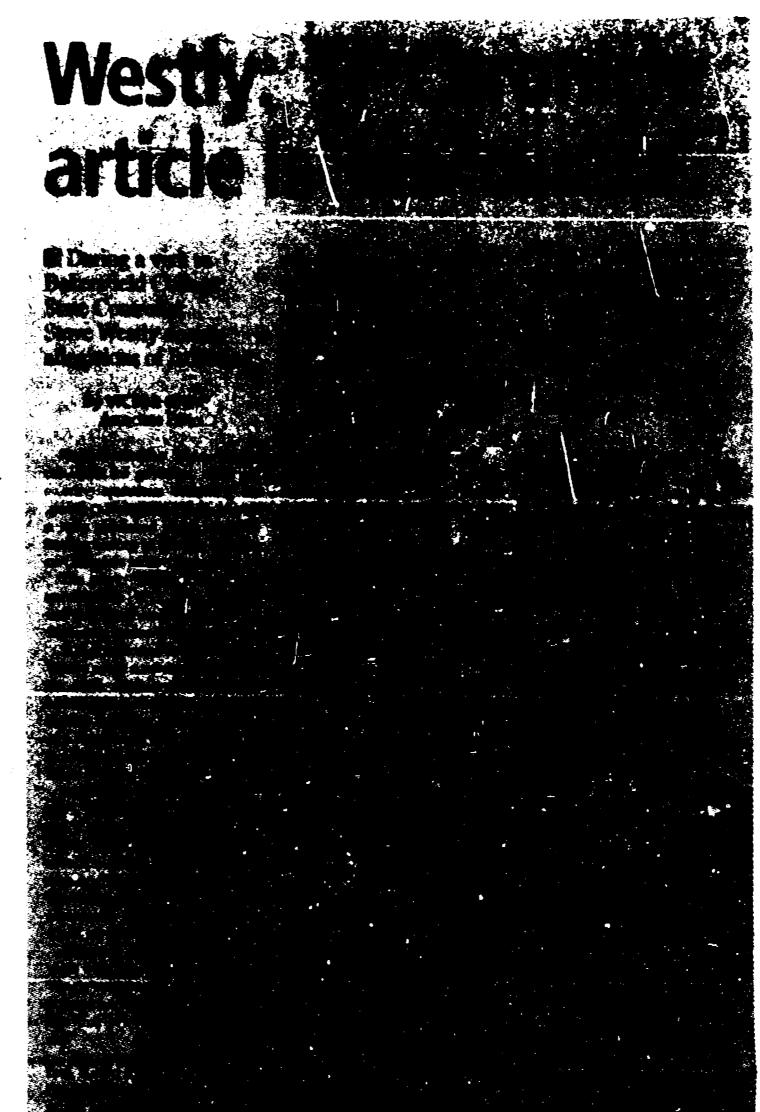
BC Career Day slated for April 26 Bakersfield College Career Day will be held on Wednesday, April 26 in the BC







NEWS



Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

A Bakersfield College administrative technician at the Delano Campus Center reported that two 19-year-old ternale BC students were fighting each other in the northwest entrance of the Delano Campus Center on 1942 Randolph St. One student jumped onto the other statent and held her down to the ground. A BC security officer arrived on the scene and advised the student to release her grip on the other student. When the student did not comply, the officer grabbed her arm to bull her off The student then swung at the officer whereupon the officer applied a "control hold" to keep her from assaulting him. The student realized

that an officer was attempting to

dent, and she ceased her efforts. No

arrests were made, but one student

was treated for minor injuries.

March 6 at 18:43 a.m.

A Bakersfield College executive secretary reported that two female BC students were scuffling in the computer commons. One of the students. 19, said the other student, 20, started the fight. One student was detained as she tried to exit the east door of the library. The other student was checked for minor injuries. One of the students claimed that she was merely ent tent bne bog retugmos a te gnittie other approached her, yelling "liar" and "bitch." The other student hit her accuser in the face. The verbally abusive student knocked the other to the ground. The fight was eventually stopped by a third student.

March 7 at 7 p.m.

A BC counselor reported two BC students verially threatening a 19year-old female BC student at the Delano center. The Delano Police Department was contacted, but they declined to file a report due to lack of evidence. The threatened student believed the threats originated from a friend's party in which she was accused of stealing a carners and a hair straightener. The threatened student daimed she received timeats of arson and physical assault.

March 9 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. A BC faculty member reported that the northeast parking lot was burglar-

his gray 1993 GMC truck parked in ized. An unknown suspect pried open the key lock of the nassenger side door and removed a plack Keriwood CD player with a detachable face

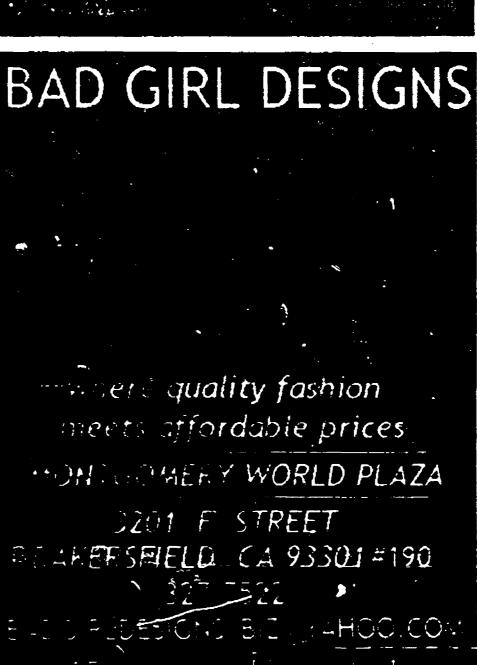
CRIME BEAT plate from the dashboard area. The

a.m. and came back at 4 p.m. and

ing. BC security checked the rapid eye loss was estimated at \$359. The faccarnera and got negative results. ulty member parked his car at 10:15

Compiled by Katherine J. White

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WESTLY: Current state controller, governor candidate speaks at BC

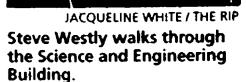
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Healthy Families" because that also is a "great investment." He also believes that universal

preschool is a "great investment" choose." and plans to pay for it all through the collected tax amnesty. As gov emor, Westly plans to ciiminate par- said that Westly "drove the point tisan politics and offers Californians of helping college students" and not Democrat or Republican [ideas]." out, at least with our textbooks." When asked why he then ran under Helen Acosta, adviser for the Demthe Democrat label gather than Inde- ocratic Club, attributed the small is "proud to be a Democrat." Westly termoon - and that the club set up the to choose,"

Westly believes strongly "in a woman's right to

"smart and good government ideas, felt that Westly would "help us pendent, Westly responded that he turnout to the timing - Thursday afbelieves strongly "in a woman's right forum in less than a week and had to be done when "he [Westly] was



RECYCLE: BC meets requirements for waste diversion

Another problem that arises, even with an established program, is the

"You can get really inexpensive

containers, the problem is: 'who is

going to pick it up?" Brodie said.

well as the students.

Continued from Page 1 Recycling Program Coordinator

Madeline Brodie from Santa Monica College said that her school has had an active program for over 15 years. "Schools are supposed to recycle," Erodie said.

Brodie said that SMC currently recycles aluminum, plastic bottles, cardboard and paper and that all the "green-wasie" on campus is composted in bins that house about 300 pounds of worms. The worms help to speed up the breakdown of the comply with AB75, the school still materials and the by-product is worm sends large quantities of recyclable excrement, or "castings." The cast- items to the landfill. ings, which are rich in nutrients, are then used by the campus' landscap- Schroeder said that refuse bins in ers to fertilize plants.

Brodie said that SMC is also a member of the California Collegiate Recycling Council. The council is a culmination of University of California, Cal State, California Community Colleges and Private Universities within California that brainstorm about ways to improve recycling programs at college campuses.

"It's different schools getting to-gether and sharing ideas," Brodie

Brodie cited some problems that schools might have in building and

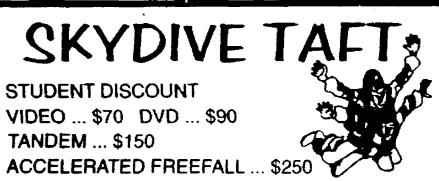
maintaining a stable recycling pro- about 50 percent recyclable items gram. First and foremost is support. when they are emptied.

Brodie said that schools must have "Campus Center is a little heavier the support of the administrators as because of the concentration of students is heavier," Schroeder said.

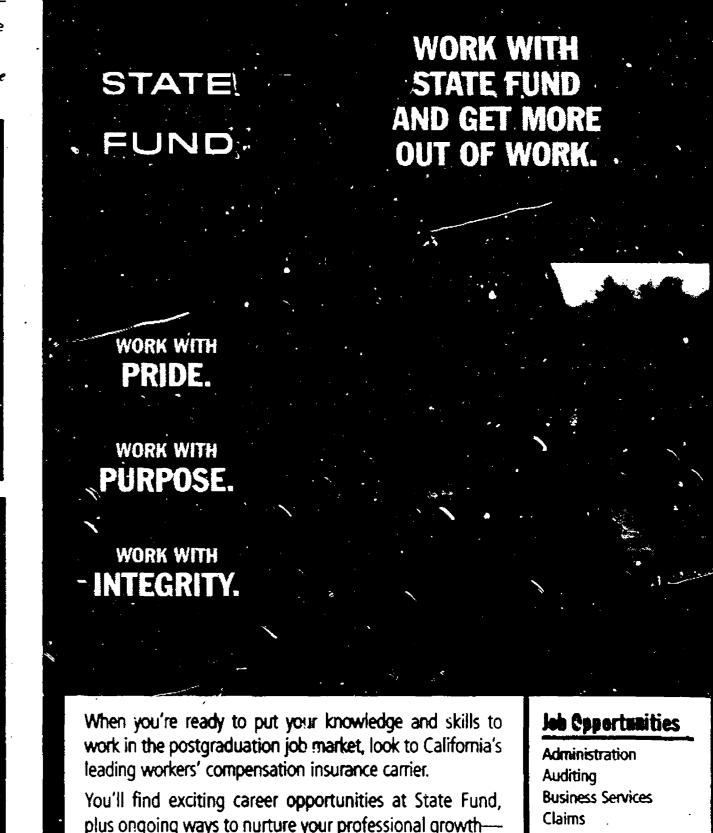
Schroeder said that after large events in Memorial Stadium, the responsibility of picking up the recy-trashcans have large amounts of recyclables. He also said that students

Schroeder, however, feels that having a recycling program would not be a good idea. Shortage in the custodial Although BC recycles enough to staffing is already a problem, according to Schroeder, adding a recycling program to manage on top of the du-Custodial Warehouse Clerk Bill ties already required of them would

the Cafeteria and Campus Center "We don't have time to mess with "We've gotten grants from the De-contain close to 100 percent of recy-that stuff," Schroeder said. He addpartment of Conservation," Brodie clable items when they are emptied ed, "Their hearts might be in the right and the classroom trash bins contain place, but it won't work."



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We have some good speed, and we have some of the football kids our. We also have good throwers and good distance runners as well.

It has been an easy transition for me to coach the kids because everyone is helpful, friendly and I feel at home."

Both the men and women will travel to Canyons on March 14 to participate in one of four conference mini meets that are held during the season.

The mini streets usually consist of three or four teams from the division within the conference that compete for points that accumulate and count toward the conference championship.

"We have the mini meets, and then we have ancets about every Sanurday (such as the BC Relays)," Stuebbe said.

These all contribute as far as conference and state championships."

The PC Relays will take place Saturday, even if it rains.

The only reason meets are post-poned is if the teams cannot travel because the Grapevine is shut down or because of unsufe transportation reasons, according to Stuebbe.



Tarni Neira
Nits a
groundball
and makes it
to first base
in softball's
victory
against Rio
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Baseball defeat red by Canyons

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poment, winning 6-2, 7-6. Antoine Salchabehere, No 5 singles, straggled in his match to pull of a victory at 7-6, 3-6, 6-2.

In doubles action at No 2 Greer and Branch posted a victory, as did Salchabehere and Washington in No. 3 doubles. The men's team will travel to Glendale for a match Thursday.

BC book third in Monday's conference mini-tournament in Moorpark at The Therra Rejeda Golf Course with a 375 score, three strokes behind second-place winner College of the Carryous and seven strokes behind sournament bost and winner Moorpark.

The nournament was won by Moorpark's Edgar Reyes with a 1-underpark's Edgar Reyes with a 1-underpark's Edgar Reyes with a 2-underpark's Edgar Reyes with a 2-underpark Sedgar Reyes with a 2-underpark Regard Regard Reyes with a 2-underpark Regard Regard Reyes with a 2-underpark Regard Regard



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Dustin Ruge
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tag him out.





Get on the GET

The local transit service unveils clean-air buses and plans to phase out older models.

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Staying on track

Find out how the Renegades' new track coach is doing in his first season at BC.

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Buck Owens dies at the age of 76

By JULIE SALGUERO and KATHERINE J. WHITE Rip staff writers

Alvis Owens Jr. was just 3 or 4 years old when he walked into his parents'



Owens

house one day saying he wanted to be called "Buck," after the mule on his parents' farm.

> The name stuck as he become wellknown in the country-music arena. Buck Owens

> died March 25 after

decades of performing country music.

Owens' family reported that he died its his sleep at his house in Belgerafield and that the cause of death was from Heart

According to Robert Martinez, Bekersfield College music instructor, "What he (Buck) did for American music v as make it popular internationally as a courtry art-Martinez recalled that Owens, who

owned the Crystal Palace in Bakersfield, assisted the BC hand by louning his "Silver Dollar Buck Mobile" for a BC field show.

In 1994, as part of the 80th graduation. class. Owens received an honorary associne of acts degree in music and business from BC along with a standing ovation. Mocanthing to family, Owens was born

to sharecroppers Aug. 12, 1929, in Shermen. Texas. The Owens family moved to Phoenix in 1937, seeking an improved life. The family eventually settled in Bakersfield in 1951. It was in Bakersfield. the family said, that Owens' musical interests manifested.

Owens' biography says that Buck became a vital member of a local honkytonk band, Bill Woods and The Orange Blossom Playboys, performing frequently at the infamous Blackboard nightclub. Riographers state that Owens began to play a Fender Telecaster guitar, which introduced a revolutionary sound in country music.

In the 1950s, Owens began recording for Capital Records; however, by 1957, although a bandleader of the Buckaroos, his band had produced no verifiable hits.

During this particular time frame, his biographers report, Buck distinguished himself as a broadcaster. He relocated to Puvallup, Wash., a suburb of Tacoma. buying part-interest in a radio station. At this station. Owers worked as a DJ and a salesman, in addition to performing music in the area. Biographers state that at this time he had a live TV show in Ta-

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Mourners honor the late Alvis **"Buck" Owens** Jr. by adorning the front of the Crystal **Palace** flowers and other

items.

Students unsure about security

E Cantipus security's role as public guardian and peacebeaper a contested topic among Midens.

> BY KATHERINE J. WHITE Copy Editor

Some Bakersfield College students feel that BC's campus accurity does not provide enough.

"A lot of people here have classes at night, and you don't see them (security)," said BC student Adrian Morgan, 27, computer science major.

Morgan's friend, Sandra Velazguez, 18, BC criminology major,

"If you walk alone at night here, for a girl, that's scary. You never know what will happen. You see security during the day, but not at night."

Some students wonder where BC security is during the day.

BC student Sheree Richardson, aiming for a degree in education, remarked, "I wonder why glass is always in the parking lot near my car. There's always shattered glass where I park; cars are being broken into. I'm scared to park here, but what else can I do?"

Richardson said that BC security officers should be seen putrolling BC. She also commented that many BC clubs, in recruiting for members in the Campus Center, often biare offensive music that is both racist and sexist. She said that BC security should exercise more control over such displays.

"They (BC security) should do it instead of us (BC students) leaving to go to the dean," she said.

Some BC students feel that the emergency facilities allegedly available to students should be kept at a functioning level.

"The security poles near Haley Street have speaker connections that are all undone," said Amy Smith, 20, a double major in forestry and animal science.

Her friend, Will Mesjil, 22, an administration of justice major, affirmed Smith's consention, saying that the police have been sugget commission "since at least top

ago." Some students are satisfied with the campus security's performance.

Above: Bakersfield's Danny Joe

during the short go-round at the

Fowler rides atop Bean Town

Professional Bull Riders tour

at Rabobank Arena Sunday.

Fowler scored 89 1/2 points

accepts a \$2,000 check from

Tom Stewart (right) of Eagle

Mountain Casino, a sponsor for

Shawn Williams (left) and

the event.

on the ride, which secured his

win of the event: Right: Fowler

"I think they've (BC security) done all right. There might be areas that they could improve upon, though," said Chris Parks, 20, a computer studies major.

According to BC Security Chief Mark Graf, BC security operates "21 hours a day, seven days a week." The department utilizes "imultiple officers in a ranked structure," including senior officers, officers and student

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Ride 'em!





PHOTOS BY JOIDHUM AYERS ! THE RIP

Top SGA seat a hot ticket

By NICK STOCKTON Rip staff writer

Student government elections are upon us once again, this year with a new technological twist. The elections are to be decided by online ballots.

On the electronic ballots, which will be accessed via a link on the Bakersfield College horseness, there is a not president since brewing.

This year these are three candidates, which is exciting, according to current SGA President Ash West.

The candidates, Frank Pierucci, Will Chindler and current Secritary Miceli Card, all have the potential to bring a unique viewpoint to the race.

"Mircah has the insider perspective, Will is like the outsider, an idealist, and Frank represents the agreed student," West said.

Chandler, a 20-year-old psychology major, stated that one of his main goals is to increase communication between the SGA and the student body. He feels this recognition and connection will "empower students to make chrices and take steps to fulfilling them." He said that his primary skills are

"communication, work ethic, and a dedication to what people want."

Pierucci also wants to increase interaction between the SGA and its constituents.

He feels that the way to accomphish this is for the student body to "he made aware of things aring on." saying he will do this through "posting more there and bulletine, and using the newspaper to let them know what's going on."

He sees the presidency as a fun opportunity and wants to make the BC contributes the BC

There alle six students remaining for the season qualitans, falling well short of the seats.

The elections will be held from

And 3-7, and voting can be come on any computer available, including the four Instope that will be set up in the Student Activity Center Soyer specifically for the election.

Card could not be reached for an

Dean Turney back in action

"There's a

be back."

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things to get to,

but it's good to

- Don Turney,

BY DAMIELLA WILLIAMS Features Editor

Dean of Students Don Turney stands a little taller since his return to work March 22 after a 4 1/2 week medical leave.

Tarney, who had suffered from degenerative disk disease for the past five years, had two disks

replaced in his lower back.

The surgery required six piers, two titarrium rods and a bone donation from a cadaver, which left Turney standing half an inch tailer than before.

"It's been painful just to sit, but it's getting better," he said. "My. muscles have had to rech."

Turney had been in pain for several years but could not find a doctor who: could perform the type of surgery he

required. -They would just give me pain pills," he said.

On the reference of a former secretary, Turney met with Dr. Rick Delamarter from the Spine Institute at Saint John's Health Center in Statta Monica, Delementer's first look at Turney's X-rays caused the doctor to laugh at the idea of trying to replace Turney's chanaged spine with artifi-

cial disks. Instead the doctor would remove

the affected disks, bone spurs and other debris left over from previous surgeries and use donated bone along with rods and pins to repair the dam-

Turney remained three months on a whiting list before Delamater, who is also a medical professor at UCLA, performed the surgery.

The seven-hour surpery required the doctor to operate on the spine through the back, leaving a 10-inch scar, as well as the front through Through's abdomen, which left a 6-inch scar. These pints of blood had to be transfered to companies for blood loss deglars the congrey.

dean of students Turney had the surgary Feb. 16 and was

expected to stay in the hospital for 5 to 7 days. Mach to Turney's chagrin, he

found that he is not Supermen. "I lest in 3 [days]," he said. Tur-

ney expected to recover quickly but encountered more difficulty Jum expected. "I hadn't expected that. I called my doctor, and he said, 'Who do you think you are?"

Turney credits his secretary Patricia Rapp and Mildred Lovato, vice president of student learning, for covering his duties in his absence.

"There's a huge pile of things to get to, but it's good to be back," he

Nursing program expanding

■ The overflow of nursing applicants will benefit nursing

shortage in Kern County.

There is no student nursing short-

By ARNETHA PIERCE

Rip staff writer

that students were being turned away age at Bakersfield College. "There are 80 students in this semester's program, and we are in the process of expanding our program dents who are waiting and preparing to enter our program," said Cindy Collier. BC director of nursing. BC is experiencing an increase and

an overflow of student applicants. "Beginning in 2002, there were an increase of 80 for this spring se- The hunt is on for funds and qualipect an increase to 90 students," said the expanding nursing program.

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS

Features Editor

Bakersfield College professors, sell- [these]

and material he would like to use for cheaper overall

ing custom textbooks through a pro-

the course, cutting the cost of pro-

According to Lauren Chong, West-

addition to traditional textbooks.

to the cost of buying textbooks.

Custom textbooks help

ease students book costs

Some students may get a price "It's much cheaper for students,"

Pearson publishing was on cam- 100 essays and only use 30 in the

pus March 21 hosting a book fair for semester. You know you'll be using

cess called database publishing, in in the past but had mixed results. Al-

em region sales director for Pearson. 4 to 6 weeks for publication.

David Moton, chair of the English he found as a replacement.

An instructor can select the author textbooks nationally, he found it

because of a limit that we could acfacts. There is no shortage of nursing of Student Services. students. We are in the process of expanding our program, an increase of

Rumor and speculation are the cul-

shortage at BC, insiders say.

istered nursing shortage, "BC's nurs- couraged by fellow employees to ing program will receive funding from come to BC to enter the two-year area hospitals,"according to Andrews.

"We are expanding and looking to said the "BC nursing program is my Kern County will benefit from the double the nursing program, there-only option. It costs less, and it is a increase of students applying for the fore, we are searching for external better program than CSUB. After the two-year program offered at BC. Ac-funding. Because of the budget cut, completion of my prerequisite, I will cording to Tracey. "There is a 300-500 the cost of nursing has doubled from graduate in 2009."

department, sees database publishing

as beneficial to student's education

he said. "It cuts down on marketing

and cost. You can have a book with

Moton had used the method result

though students couldn't resell their

"They weren't out quickly enough

English professor Andy Lamers

(then), but technology is better now."

he said. The textbooks currently take

as well as their pocketbook.

registered nursing shortage in Kem \$14 a unit to \$28 a unit," said Ken County alone. One-hundred percent Meier, BC vice president of student of our students who pass the test will learning. be filling some of the vacancies."

Preparations are being made to prits of the supposed nursing student of entering the overflowing nursing "The Bakersfield Californian heard program.

"We will help the students with priority registration to meet the precommodate," said BC president Wil-requisite of biology needed before liam Andrews. "They saw the story as entering the nursing program," said. being newsworthy not knowing the Mildred Lovato, BC vice president

Word of mouth has attracted many students to the BC nursing program According to Aracely Zepeda, a li-Because of the demand of the reg- censed vocational nurse, "I was enregistered nursing program. It is cheaper than other schools and a very

DANIELA GARCIA / THE RIP

David Moton, chair of the

book at book fair.

tial." he said.

English department, reviews



The new GET buses are finally seen to the BC students for the first time at the bus stop

GET gets new look and upgrades for its riders

And JOSETTE SIMMONS

The Golden Empire Transit District, better known as GET, bus taken on a brand new look and has added much needed improvements to their service. The Bakersfield community will receive easy boarding and pollution-free buses by early April.

"We have purchased 24, compress natural gas buses with boarding ramps, replacing the diesel polluting, and safety hazard steps," said Chester Moland, chief executive officer of

GET has been planning the project "GET tries hard to come up with

ing," he said. Lamers enjoys the fact pared with traditional textbooks. It is for his Bla class last semester after class and doesn't entail the copyright \$6 to begin the process and then 6 to his favorite textbook went out of issues that come with giving hand-According to GET Coach Operaprint and was dissatisfied with what outs in class. "It definitely has poten-

tor Barbra Oliver, the new fleet of buses feature bigger engines and a floor-mounted emergency break which was previously on the dash. Ofiver also said that the steering wheel is small and has better power steering, which makes the vehicle easier to drive. In addition to that, the new buses feature a mechanism that allows the bus to tilk toward the curb to allow easier and safer boarding for riders.

"GET has out-done themselve this time." Offiver said.

Other changes feature not consum a wider walkway, and serios for the es are 40 feet long, up five feat from however GET is in the process of or- area; bus No. 4 leaving BC to the ger length of the buses is of little or accommodate a wheelchair rider left

seating capacity of 38 is identifial. er and the dispatcher would send the take you directly to There was an extra 5 feet added to van to transfer the rider left behind. our transfer station."

More space and comfort is added inside for GET passengers.

"GET fries hard to come up with improvements to make travel safer for the handicapped and people of Kern County."

> - Chester Moland. GET chief executive officer

According to Moland, there is no port more than two wheelchairs. dering wheelcheir accessible vans to at a but aton because the wheelchair

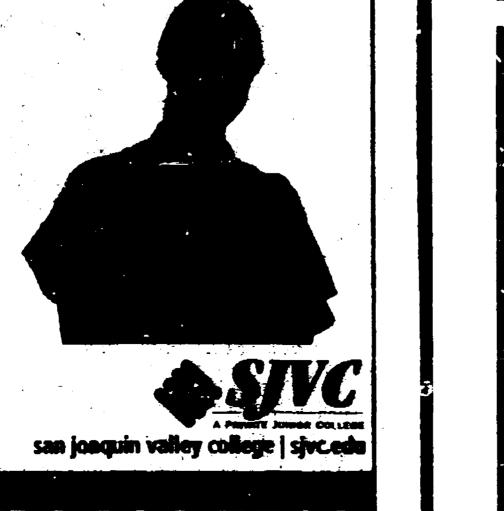
species, suggested.
The deliver impaid call the dispatch-

BC student Barbra Williams said that she likes the older bases better. "The seats are more com-Williams said According to Moland, there is a heavy indership to Bakersfield Col-

"There are five buses to BC, every

30 minutes, there is no way I can estimate how many of the riders are BC students. BCisoneofourkey boarding the "move to the hill." and transfer stations," said Moland. According to Gina Hayden, merketing manages of GET, there is a great

leaving BC making several stops and ending up at Valley Plaza; Bus No. 11 leaving BC enroute to CSUB: and bus No. 17 the express bus that will



BC addresses disabled access issues on campus

Rip staff writer

In 2002-2003, there was a bond. The disabled can have access to the Act as well as adress many of the is-

"Seating at the stadium has been start- disabled access to the baseball and my concerns with the safety coordi- address the need of accessibility." Enrique Martinez, "I plan to have a the Fire Department."

the field house to the practice field.

looked at for disabled accessibility. campus.

Construction and Facilities Planning. floors, and there is a plan to provide but I am concerned and have shared much of Measure G is set aside to frustrated. According to BC student function, and later being rescued by

ed and is almost completed. There is softball fields as well as restrooms, nator and campus police of the prob. The work of accessibility is in prog. talk with the president. I'm sitting a ramp to allow disabled access from and the Outdoor Theater is being lems disabled students are facing on ress, but there is no date of comple-pretty low in my wheelchair when

"There are ADA issues being prisecond floor of the Science and Tech- critized by Sally Swanson Archi- such as the Health Center and re- an outside consultant, Sally Swanson get hit by a driver. There needs to be a bring the buildings into compliance nology building, because an elevator tects to determine which areas need strooms, without automatic doors, Architects, actively surveying the ramp built to the Adaptive PE class.' adjustments to meet ADA compli- and the classrooms aren't access needs of accessibility, although there. There was an assumption that Addington said that the plan- ance, and we are looking at five to sible, unless the disabled have help. is not a target date for completion. the elevators were maintained sues faced by the disabled students etarium will have access seating for seven years to complete the access. There is no Emergency Evacua- The buildings on this campus are old. and always in working order. the disabled, and upgraded parking sibility project," said Addington. tion Plan for the mobility limited. Some of the problems are known, According to student Les Birdsell, Many of those issues have been will be completed this summer. Ac- Angelica Gomez, director of Sup- and all students. These limitations and some are only known if bought "I was surprised to be stuck on the addressed, according to Chris Add- cessibility elevators will be added to portive Services, said, "I'm not famil- are the responsibility of the entire to my attention." ington, interim executive director of all buildings to provide access to all iar with the funding that is available, campus. I'm eager to learn how. Some of the disabled students are hours, because of an elevator mal-

tion in sight. According to William traveling from class to class through "There are highly used buildings, Andrews, president of BC, "there is the parking lots. I'm afraid I might

Students

home for

the break

By CASSANDRA LESURE Special to the Rip

Traveling thousands of miles away to party during Spring Break is not

what some college students have

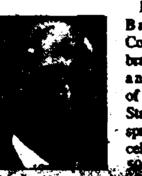
in mind this year. Instead, they are

planning to forego the usual exotic

'Move to the hill' is hailed

■ Former staff members and alums will gather to commemorate BC's move

By JULIE SALGUERO



Bakersfield College celeof Memoria

Bakersfield College has existed since 1913 and used to share the campus with Bakersfield High School. BC President William Andrews said that celebrating a 50th anniversary is a "rare opportunity" because

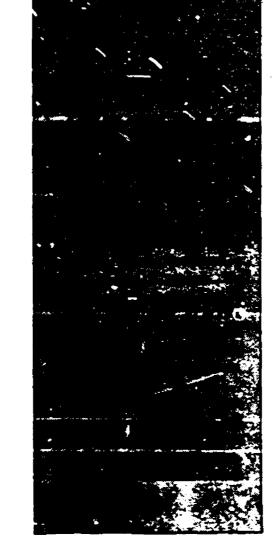
most community colleges were formed in the 1960s and '70s. According to Richard Wright, chair of the 50th anniversary committee and department chair of behavioral science, the event will commemorate

The event will consist of a sitdown dinner and special speakers, such as Edward Simonses, the earliest living president according to Wright; alumni, other past presidents and Lily Misono-Culver, secretary to the BC president, Ralph Pratter, at the time of the move.

According to Wright, Misono-Culver "ran the joint" at the time of

Also John Collins will beat the event. Wright also said that the diamer is \$30 per plate and that they are planning on 250 guests but that more "can be

past BC professor and local newsman Don Rodewald.



Frolicking on Campus



DANIELLA WILLIAMS / THE RIP

Maria Vitela, Maricela Delgadillo and Zelene Pinedo dance outside of the Student Services building for instructor Eve-Lyne Thomas and classmates as part of their modern dance midterm.

Instructors awarded tenure

Several Bakersfield College staff members recieve tenure after nearly four years of evaluation.

By JULIE SALGUERO Bakersfield College hires instruc-

tors with the idea that the new instructors "can do the job," according to BC President William Andrews. After almost four years of continuous evaluations, 10 Bakersfield College faculty members have been

and the board of trustees will honor affect beginning in Fall 2006. One such faculty member is A. Todd Jones, who is a professor of commu-

Continued from page 1

set." Graf said.

workers "every semester.

"The student workers are a big as-

trustees who approve the nomina tions, according to Andrews. After tenure is granted, faculty members are evaluated every three

college president will make nomina

tions to the chancellor who will then

tective in Santa Barbara as well as a edged as a law by George Bush Sr.

Presidential Security detail officer in 1990 under the title "The Crime for the late president Ronald Rea-Awareness and Campus Security Act

takes on as a teacher. He also added Moran also said that he wasn't sure that tenure gives a sense of "iob se- if "tenure is a good thing." Moran agrees that teachers should

"probationary tenure track position." take the nominations to the board of

Before tenure is achieved, a fac- be rewarded and should always im- lanc, Ann Lidia Torres, Michael Korulty member has to be hired into a prove as teachers and be held "ac- cok, David Koeth, David Arthur, and countable." He also added that the Mary Jo Anhalt. Ann Wiederrecht After three years of evaluations, the idea that tenure will protect a faculty and Rebecca Juarez.

Other faculty members who were

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locations such as Cancun, and enjoy leisure time at home. Rest, relaxation, saving a few bucks or making a few bucks is the plan of many students. Jasmine Changong,

22, a student at Bakersfield College, said the only thing she plans to do is "sleep all day, and then maybe go out clubbing later that night." She said she didn't make plans to

go anywhere else because she could find something to do in town. AJ Ramirez, 19, another BC stu dent, said, "I wish me and my friends

could go to Cancun or Miami, but none of us can afford to go." Some students, such as Sarah Emerson, 20, are taking the break as

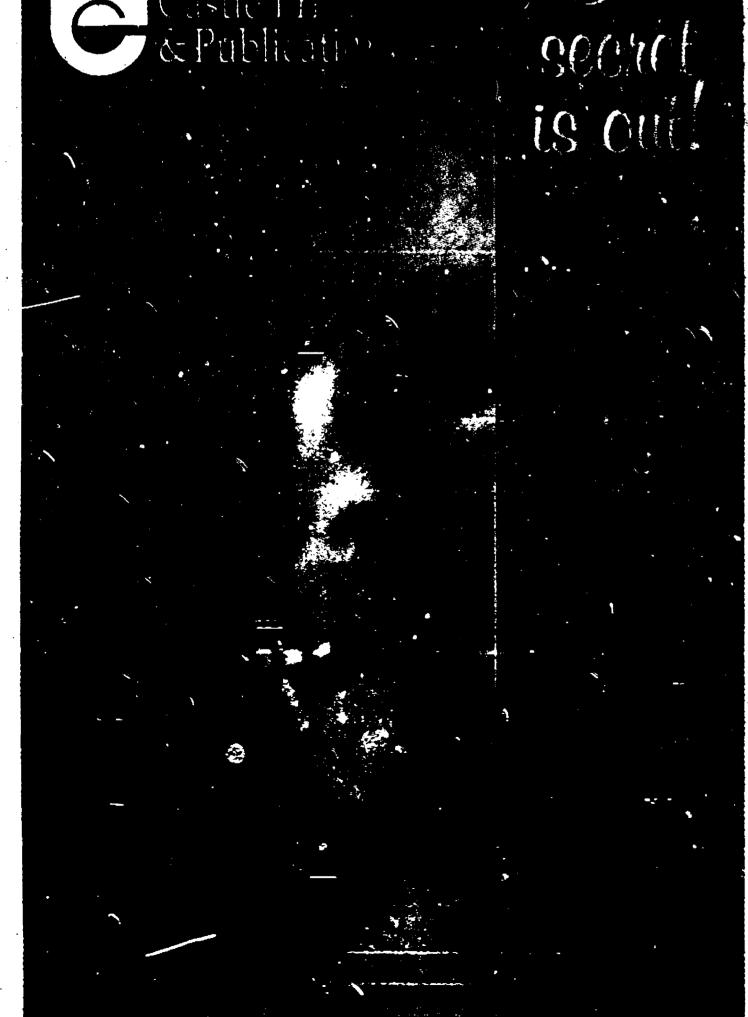
time to work more hours. Juggling part-time work and a full class load this semester forced her to scale back her work hours during the week. Emerson said that during the break she plans to "try to get in as many hours that week as I can."

Others, like Adriana Richards. 23, a BC student, are planning to go shopping with friends in Los Angeles. She said that even though she found a great deal on a travel package, she didn't feel safe enough to go and would rather save her money for shopping in L.A. during the break.

Some students will be traveling

out of state to go visit their families. Monica Grant and her boyfriend. Scott, said that they are planning to go to Texas to visit with family.

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According to Andrews, it's not "necessary" to evaluate the faculty • Laceliti Turring Tuck member every year; he also added Atlanoplasty. granted "recognition of quality that a faculty member under tenwork," also known as tenure, accord- ure could be evaluated at any time at the college president's request. granted tenure was Tom Moran, AESTHELIC & AGE American Sign Language professor. Moran has also worked at San Diego Mesa College as a professor of Eng-According to Jones, faculty mem- lish; at Mesa, Moran was about to bers have to "buy into the idea" of gain tenure there as well but decided community college in order to under- to come to join the BC "family," as stand the commitment an individual he put it. FAVORITE **SECURITY:** BC campus officers work to enforce the Cleary Act part of his department's mission is to obey the Cleary Act. The Jeanne Cleary disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Cam-BC's security department, accord- pus Crime Statistics Act, a part of ing to Graf, "used to be a police of the Higher Education Act of 1965, is ficer department." Currently, he said, a federal law numitating colleges and the department is also not a private universities to report campus crimes security service, nor is it corporate and security policies in a prompt and owned. BC's security department punctual fashion. All postsecondary Darkhivo R Shati M C. Milan R, Shati M C also is not an outfit "employing educational institutions must bow to guards at minimum wage to watch this act or suffer a fine of \$25,000 by 4850 Commerce Dr. buildings." Graf has 23 years of law the U.S. Department of Education. Bakersfield, CA 93309 enforcement experience, including The Cleary Act was initially en-661-327-3800 13 years as a SWAT team police de- acted by Congress and was acknowl-

New BC tutoring club is available for students

By KATHERINE J. WHITE Copy Editor

Members of Bakersfield College's Tutoring Club want to educate BC students about their newly formed club.

"As well as have fun, we want to help the community academically," said Alex Hall, chief financial officer for the club who also

tutors math for BC's Learning Center. cation at BC," said Howard Succop, vice president for the club, who tutors math and

improve grades as well as to fortify their res- man Terrazas. ervoir of knowledge.

BC's Tutoring Center is located upstairs—yound the BC campus.

in the Student Services building. A variety of subjects are tutored there; tutors are available for math, English, Spanish, ASL, chemistry and countless other subjects.

Weekly appointments can be scheduled. However, "drop in" tutors are also available for math and English for students who do not want weekly appointments.

tutoring schedules. The Tutoring Center is tors with better computers and other supplies. "We want to improve the quality of edu-open from Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"The main purpose of the Tutoring Center is to help students understand basic concepts Most of the members of the Tutoring Club in subjects they may have trouble in. It's to say they are concerned that the majority of let people know we're here, and that we want BC students are not aware of the opportuni- them to come in. We want people to know ties presented by BC's Tutoring Center to that tutoring here is free," said math tutor Ro- 15 percent rise in tutees.

"We'd like to promote the Tutoring Center by going to the high schools," said Michael Aguilar, an engineering major and math

Other tutors want the club to improve the tutoring environment for the tutors as well as serve the BC campus community.

"The club should promote the Tutoring Tutorial Coordinator Midge Ladd handles Center and also take care of the needs of tu-We need a representational body that speaks by BC. for us, the tutors," said Abiola Sagbohan, architecture major and math tutor.

According to a recent petition issued to Lynn Hall, interim dean of student learning, from the fiscal year of 2002 to the fiscal year rial records. of 2003, the BC Tutoring Center witnessed a

Along with that rise came a rise in the Tu- any BC department. Other tutors in the club want to expand be- toring Center supply budget of \$300, a sum thought by many tutors as meager. A 5 per- cost the center more than \$100. The center's want to promote learning in general."

cent rise in tutees accompanied the next two supplies routinely come through Stinson's, years. The club forecasted a rise in tutees by and according to a recent catalog from that 11 percent. Many in the Tutoring Club feel establishment, new ink and toner cartridges

The Tutoring Center members all agree that the center needs funds to maintain its record keeping. For many years, according to members, the center has maintained a record

At the start of this spring semester, the center was informed that this method of printing and ASL tutor and president of the club, was too costly. There upon, the center began these financial challenges, as well as future using a different method of maintaining tuto-projects that include a book drive, are being

However, this different method requires

that \$300 is not sufficient funds for adequate for the computer printers utilized by the Tutoring Center tutors and tutees will exceed

The club members fear an inability to meet these financial challenges, and they have formally requested the Interim Dean of Student of each tutorial using a triplicate form printed Learning for a supply budget increase of

According to Sierra Zurn, English, math

"It's all new to me—the government profunds, and the money is not to be had through cess," Zurn said. "But it's cool to start a new clut with returning tutors, and to promote The different recordkeeping process has public knowledge of the club; however, we

The f-word suggests more than we may think

By ANNA ROBLEDO

As part of Women's History spoke to a packed crowd of nearly ronym "for unlawful carnal knowl-15. Lingo's discussion was titled, of the king." "The F-word, and I don't mean Fem-

by saying, "Although I usually don't "Fucks Germanic brother" is "fikuse the word, I'm going to use it ken." "Fokken" is the Dutch word for tonight, welcome to the fuck talk." 'fuck, and "fokka" is the Swedish dia-Lingo spoke of the origin of the word lect. Although all of these words have ling that we censor the word, or that with power ... you wouldn't be here

more than they used to; some schol- one of the strongest and obscene that we understand what the word

"One of the big ideas of the wom- The word is used many different word that conveys the dominance of en's movement was that women ways, but the most common defini- men over women, a word that concould enjoy sex just as men could," tion and use for the word, is to deveys women's inferior position in explained Lingo, "and along with scribe sex. But Lingo questioned the world, a word that demeans and that notice, came the idea that women why would people use a word that denigrates them to sexual objects to could too express their sexual ranges is violent in nature and used so often decrepit, teasel and screw." just as men could, using words like in negative situations to describe one 'fuck' to express their sexual free- of the most intimate, sacred acts two

not there to "advocate the use of the argued such reasoning.

By LISA VARGAS

Bakersfield College Rotary Club

president Kyle McClintock, 20, an

ment major, said the club is "all about

Ed Knudson, dean of Economic

and Workforce Development, who

was also involved with the Bakers-

field Breakfast Rotary Club, went to

the Agriculture Ambassadors to start

a campus Rotary Club in May of last

Paul P. Harris formed the first Ro-

tary Club more than 100 years ago in

It was called a Rotary Club be-

cause the meetings would rotate

There are many Rotary Clubs

throughout Bakersfield, and the BC

Rotary Club works with these Rotary

community."

agriculture and business manage- a lot of good people."

and facts about the word to under- other person. stand what people actually are saying

word derives from Germanic roots.

Although fuck is still considered in all the novels," but it is important the choice wood to use when angry ... Fuck is and always has been a sex-frustrated, and perhaps when hurt, ist word, Lingo explained. "It is "a

people can share. "You may think that I am going to Perhaps a younger generation may Lingo pointed out. When men use

be discussing the liberating effect of suggest that the term can be inno- "fuck" they are only contributing to women using the word fuck," said cently used as just a playful gesture, "those out worn values about sex and Lingo. But that was not the case. She or maybe to describe a more intense power," said Lingo. assured the audience that she was form of sex between couples. Lingo

When the word is used to refer to The thought that it is wrong to use a sex act, "we say, 'he fucked her,' should stop and think what is actualthe word may seem old-fashioned or or, 'I wanna fuck you,' 'said Lingo, ly being said, because, Lingo empha-

chance to help the community

"It is a good chance

to help people in the

community, and you meet

Clubs in serving the community.

The BC Rotary Club recently

helped plant 100 trees at a park in Ba-

kersfield, and they are currently get-

The BC Rotary Club also does the

McClintock finds being a part of

There are many businesses that are

a part of Rotary Clubs. He said it's a

the Rotary Club a great opportunity

to network with businesses.

roofing on houses for Habitat for Hu-

ting involved with Relay For Life.

— Kyle McClintock,

Rotary Club president

when they say it. Many people seem to believe that used. For example, "If someone says the word was derived from the ac- 'fuck you,' are they inviting you to 130 in the Fireside Room on March edge" or "fornication under consent not," she continued, "It is the worst

something in common, said Lingo;

about all of the other ways fuck is make love?" asked Lingo. "Of course

ple are in a loving caring relationship, "you don't say, 'fuck you' to Lingo said that she is not suggest-

"We are conveying sexist values that denigrate both women and men."

She concludes by suggesting that the next time people are in a situation and feel the word coming on, they prudish; however, Lingo encouraged "It's something we do to another per-sized, "the world would be better if the audience to first learn the origin son, not something we do with an- we all stopped 'fucking' each other."

great way for business majors at BC

to meet important businessmen and

McClintock said that being in the

club. "Is a good chance to help peo-

to branch out to Cal State University

get their foot in the door.

Working up a sweat in hip-hop class



Ian Cochran, a mechanical electric engineer, creates On the far right Hip-Hop instructor, Lisa Boudreault shows class how to pop, lock, and bubbles while hanging move to the beat. Front center Jazmine Tatmaw and far left Lizbeth Ramiez at the Hip-Hop out in Campus Center.

Sandrini's Italian-Basque Restaurant meets expectations

By ANNA ROBLEDO

All of my friends kept talking about this cool little

Workshop March 18 at room GYM 202.

BC rotary club gives students a Sandrini's Italian-Basque Restaurant and Bar fits nicely into the whole downtown Bakersfield envirorment.

I loved it immediately when rant, and the first thing you see is this great big bar fully Fabulous service. stocked with various energy drinks; how great is that?

ple in the community, and you meet a lot of good people.' The club holds meetings in the Executive Board Room in the Campus Center on the first and third Monday Any BC student can go to the same distance to get to the u-shaped bar?

meetings to see what the club is all well as hisny basque dishes, focusing mainly on lamb. To become a member, one needs to be sponsored by a current member full with heaping side dishes, including the best rosemary some. of the Rotary Club, and once a person shows they are consistent they will get a certificate of recognition. For now, only BC students can be surprisingly good. I was told that it was very Olive Gar- other reason, go there for the bread. a part of the club, but they are hoping

den-like. However, it wasn't it was great. from \$5 to \$9, sandwiches from \$7 to \$9, and entees Saturday. Happy hour is from 3 - 6 p.m.

from \$7 to \$16.99. The rack of lamb topped the menu at \$16.99, and I can imagine by the freshness of my sandwich that the lamb is probably delicious and worth it.

We sat at the bar, while I was washing the lamb down with one of the several fine selections of beer on tap, we/ my date watched the college basketball championships hasement restaurant downtown that has great food, and on one of the many TV's located around the bar. I found cold Jagermeister on tap. How myself daydreaming about sitting in one of their great could I possibly resist; to me it private, cozy, romantic bootns; I was suddenly brought sounded like the ideal "hip col- back to reality when I felt a splash of my date's beer on

They even passed on one of my biggies: service. I my date and I first got there. You could be eating dirt (fortunately the food was not dirt) enter the restaurant by walking down these dark semi- but if the service is memorable, then, to me, "the restaudingy stairs to this spacious, dimly-lit basement restau- rant was great." The waiter was attentive, polite, and fast.

During the week, it's not very crowded. There are usu-To your left is seating for about 50, with large booths ally about 10-15 people on a Tuesday night, but the resand tables to accommodate groups and/or dates. There is taurant should be crowded; the food alone should bring also a nice stage for the live bands that play there. To the people in. Scratch that, the bread alone should bring right is the pool table and a few hightables with stools to people in. When we visited it on Friday night, which just sit around scoping the cute boys/girls playing pool. Did happened to be St. Patrick's day, the place was pretty hap-I mention that any seat in this restaurant has nearly the penin'; it was still happenin' even though we paid a cover charge. Drinks were excellent and cheap, two vodka and The menu consists of a variety of pastas and pizza, as Redbull's and one Bottington's \$9; you can't beat that. They also serve a variety of appetizers and sandwiches ever, was the crowd; it was very circa 1993, very awe-

bread with whipped butter I've ever tasted. After reac- Sandrini's is casual, so not intimidating, and they have quainting myself with the potent flavor of fresh lamb, the great food and service. I definitely recommend that you sandwich I had was exquisite, and the side of pasta was step out of the usual routine and try Sandrini's; if for no

Sandrini's is located at 1918 Eye St. They serve The prices are very reasonable. The appetizers range food 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 5-10 p.m.

Compiled by Joseph Whipkey / The Rip

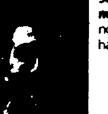
BC BRAINS

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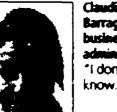
Editor's note: BC Brains is a feature that asks students a question to test their knowledge of all things trivial.

What is an abacus?



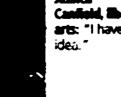


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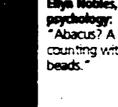














Correct answer: An instrument for making calculations by stiding counters along nods or grooves.

FEATURES

The 'Green' comes alive with the sound of music



BC chorale and chamber singers perform "Wearin' of the Green" on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at First Congregational Church.

■ Musicians celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the "Wearin' of the Green."

a concert which featured Irish songs.

By ANDREW ZASOSKI

Special to the Rip

17, another voice filled the night sky. And it wasn't the sound of raindrops hitting the ground.

It was the sound of the Bakersfield College Chorale and the Bakersfield College Chamber singers, who perferend at First Congregational Church on Stockdale Highway and

Patrick's Day, was called "Wearin' of capacity with people wearing green.

tures of music.

Susan Scott, a freshman at BC and one of the members of the choir, said she enjoys the concerts because "they're really motivating, and I en-

joy entertaining people." BC music instructor Ron Kean conducted songs, such as "Kua Ronga, "Past Life Melodies," "Kyrie," "Arroz con leche," "El Guayaboso," "Consita Linda," "Lanigans Ball," "Skibereen," "Brown Penny and "Wearin' of the Green," the song which gave the concert its name, the singers were accompanied by Elizabeth Cervantes, and featured special guest Banshee in the Kitchen as

The group Banshee in the Kitchen, made of up women who are Irish, acperformed some Irish songs with guitar, accordion and fiddle. The authe Green." The church was filled to dience applauded loudly after their

'Inside Man' isn't inspiring, but manages to entertain

Rip staff writer

May I first say that the movie "Inside Man" is jam-packed with awesomeness. I say this first, in order to let readers know this won't be a bad review. Secondly, it is important to stress that in a review I give my honest opinion. I'm not going to B.S. that I was able to detect some profound understand-

MOVIE

I didn't find any inspiring elements in this film. What I found was what the movie planned to deliver all along – a interesting movie

This is not an action movie, nor is boring in rudiment, but this is just one it a thriller, but it makes the common of those movies you should see. Al- jokes and some witty dialogue, as well man think. It's not a movie that inspires though, no one should pay \$8.50 to see as a few pokes at big city society. The that makes stupid people feel smart.

It's one of those movies that you should see if you want to have fun and you're poor. I'm rambling, excuse me. planning their strategy. think a little. There are no elements in The cast in this movie play their See it, but seriously, wait until it sight that throw you off; or anything parts well, blending into the movie as comes out on video.



COURTESY OF UNIVERSAL PICTURES that stands out, which would cause you to lose track of the plot. The whole movie is basically dia-

logue, background, and plot. Sounds

Denzel Washington bears the heaviest load but performs with wit and grace. This film doesn't take itself that seriously, which is a relief. There are a few

if they've lived in it their whole lives.

Owen)

plans the

set up of his bank

highly proclaimed critics, nor a movie any movie. Wait for the DVD and get movie takes place in two locations - the an HDTV system. And don't act like bank that's being robbed and the street you can't afford because, statistically, outside the bank where the police are

BC spring concert is melodious

Floating

through

a lazy

afternoon

The BC Chamber Orchestra, directed by Robert Martinez, performed "The Colors Of Spring" concert on March 19 in the BC Indoor Theatre. The concert consisted of three different pieces. The first piece was "A Walk To The Paradise Garden" by Frederick Delius, who was an English composer from the late 19th - early 20th century.

The second piece, entitled, "Pelleas and Melisande Suite, Op. 80" was composed of 4 movements written by French composer, Gabriel Faure. This performance also featured flute soloist Mary Cervantes, and Sara Rutter, as the harp accompanist.

The concert was finished with a polka, "Tick Tack Polka" written by Johann Strauss, an Austrian-born composer, whose son and grandson became composers as well. These pieces were chromatic, ro-

mantic, and melody rich. All three composers, who were roughly active musicians in the same time period, fell into the same category of music, which is why Martinez played them all in the same concert. This was a great performance on behalf of the BC Chamber Orchestra, and it is recommended that students and non-students attend more of these concerts. People can catch the next musical event in April, which is the Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert. It will be directed by Kris Tiner, BC music instructor.

The business program at Fresno Pacific was a great exp lience! It was easy forme to continue going to work during the day and pursue my degree "..." Tin the evening." Attend the next bachelor's degree completion INFORMATION MEETING April 27 • 5:30 g.m. Call 864-1515 to reserve your spot Leading to the transfer of the

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STAFF EDITORIAL

BC mission meets the mark

A metaphor concerning an iceberg and its tip could be no more appropriate than when attempting to describe the relationship between the Bakersfield College Vision, Mission, Goals Statement and how it reflects on the actual planning of an academic year. This statement is the cornerstone of BC policy and is posted at least once in every building on campus.

Upon first evaluation of this statement, we caught ourselves reading it with the almost instinctual cynicism of the news reporter's eye. Yet in a time when so many organizations seem to forget the lofty wording that had come to define their inception, it seems that even the public has come to favor the habit of skeplical

What we found upon closer inspection of the statement, is in fact a living document. It is the product of an integrated, ongoing effort of closely monitored collegiate progression.

The Educational Master Plan is the result of the cumulative research and needs from the school's constituency. It is updated yearly during the College Consulmeetings, every spring. This Consul is comprised of the BC president, both vice presidents, and representatives from every faction within the college, including classified staff and Student Government Association mem-

The plan itself is a massive 300-page multifunctional document. It contains statistical data concerning demographic information about the BC staff, students, as well as for the surrounding community. Further, this information is translated for its pertinence to BC and disseminated into each department's summary and future goals.

Bureaucracies are amazingly confusing and frustrating. That said, it is amazing that the document itself is rven readable, considering the mindboggling and intricate nature of running the largest community college district in California.

Surprisingly, the translation from the intimidating 300-page Educational Master Plan into the compact and accessible Vision, Mission, and Goals Statement is smooth and concise. The statement proves to be an accurate dissemination of both the effort put into the research and development of the plan, and the collective goals of the framers of the document.

The Educational Master Plan can be found on a computer near you, at bakersfieldcollege.com/irp/irp_Home. asp under the link titled 2005-06 Ed Master Pian/Unit

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Crime beat wording irks reader

I was reading Vol 77 No. 4 issue of The Rip when I came across something that does not make sense. In the "Crime Beat" section, item No. 4 (March 9th). at the end of the report, it is stated that, "BC security checked the rapid eye camera and got negative results." What does that mean? Negative results? The camera either got "positive results," meaning it was successful in capturing helpful or some information, or it got "NO" results, meaning it did not provide any useful information. I do not even know what a camera getting "negative results" means. Does that mean it caught someone on video criminally installing a CD player into a car? In that same issue's Letters To The Editor, a Jason

Schaeffer comments on the paper's "junior high school" like style. I couldn't agree more. I was beginning to think I was the only one who thought that way. The Rip's target reader is obviously the students who are not serious about an education, walk around saying, "Oh my God!" on their cell phones, come in, and leave class whenever they feel like it, and need to see pretty pictures on your pages to keep them entertained. You must be aware that errors such as a camera get-

ting "negative results" only perpetuates the idea most people have of BC catering to low-caliber students. Don't try to impress anyone with your sentence structure skills when you do not know what you are saying; you will only end up looking stupid to anyone who is

Alternative to traditional faith

By JULIE SALGUERO

Religion has never been to appealing to me. Even as a young girl I remember sitting through Mass, questioning the priest and the word of God.

I never understood why we have to live as Jesus lived. I'm not Jesus, and I wouldn't want to even try to live like him. I don't believe in a God, and I don't believe that Jesus was the Son of God ei-

Does that make me a bad person? I don't go around stealing or killing; I and impossible. help the poor and honor my mother. What

known as Modern Satanist.

Now relax. I'm not going to go sac- to protect people against STDs and un- mankind "on the right path." all for people getting along and such, but and neglect on all levels. Another thing or a sherk or a booboo?

I don't do is identify myself with a God, dated. For example, the Catholic Church Christians were persecuted, and then or the product of a God. If anything I go is against the use of condoms during sex- became the persecutors. Jews are always with the label of Atheistic Satanist, also ual relationships between couples, even genting slaughtered and traditional Musif they are married. Condoms are meant lims are out to conquer the world and lead

rifice a cow or anything for that matter. planned children. The Church says con- And let's not forget the branching out Basically, I believe that if someone slaps doms prevent a life from being created, of these major religious that lead to more you; slap him or her back. Respect those and that is a sin. However, I believe that bloodshed. Oh, what a tangled web we who deserve and gain your respect. Don't bringing an unwanted child into the world weave. Why don't we all just agree that go around loving everyone because "Jo- is a far greater sin than preventing the killing, stealing, lying and any action that sus loves all." If you use something too child to suffer from things such as pov- can hurt a person, physically and emofreely, it will lose its true meaning. I'm erty, hunger, disease and possible abuse tionally, is wrong whether it's called a sin

loving everyone? That is over idealistic that turns me off in regard to religion is Then again the idea of all of mankind that it has been one of the major causes of putting away their differences is too ide-Another thing is that religion is so our- bloodshed throughout the history of man. alistic and impossible.

'SuicideGirls' kills feminist movement

By LISA VARGAS Rip staff writer

I always thought feminist empowerment meant being a strong woman who stood like an object.

ing sex objects and complying with what feminism One major example of women comply-

ing with men all the while thinking they're like a porn site. being strong feminists is the "punk porn site" SuicideGirls.com. It's not a hardcore porn Web site. The

SuicideGirls' troubles with ex-models. thing." These ex-SuicideGirls are accusing one of The application requires you send three ment and "unfair business practices."

for some reason, made this Web site for feminists. Bust magazine even called it a "perfect porn utopia."

suits of these ex-models, but of the words cideGirls (from seeing just a handful of "feminism" and "feminists' empower- models profiles, most models seem to be ment" that kept popping up everywhere between 18-21).

around the SuicideGirls article.

Spin magazine also ran an article about the same topic, and once again the words "feminism" kept creeping its way into the article. Spin had pictures of three girls up for female rights and not being treated dancing half naked on each other and another girl with her bikini top and bottoms Apparently, I'm way off. "Feminist em- full of money, apparently because having powerment" has evolved into women be- money in your panties is a sure sign of

> and girl-friendly. It doesn't look anything I guess it's considered soft-core porn and looks more artistic than pornographic.

The Web site itself is pink and pretty

When applying to be a SuicideGirl, they models look nothing like typical porn have at the top of the page, "SuicideGirls stars; they are all tattooed and have real are unique, strong, sexy and confident women. Is this you? Well, fill out this ar-Bust, a feminist magazine, recently ran plication and you just might have a shet at an article in its February/March issue about it, although we ain't promising you any-

pictures of yourself, but they don't have to be nudes, even though they ask you is The site was supposedly run by a wom- the application if you've ever posed nude.

profiles so you get to know them better, or stalk them better, and almost has I don't care about the allegations or law- a MySpace feel for all those young Sui-



Women burned their bras in order to feel

exation of women who think that selling step back since they got the right to vote. their bodies is female empowerment. showing their breasts and still be con- of feminsim is competely ridiculous.

'Adult Swim' an inferior form of entertainment

By DOTTY BURNS Opinion Editor

A few weekends ago, my best friend and I resorted to heedlessly vegging out in front of her television set. In the midst of our pointless channel surfing, we sturn-

bled upon "Adult Swim." popular culture, I have never watched the across, and although I didn't admit to it I understood that it was a programming amused by the absurdity of the distasteful block intended for viewers between 18 and 25, which is my age group.

Curious and in a listless state where lies," a poorly animated cartoon pro- rerun when I tuned in once more.

demil into mindless rambling about the tures together.

I think my friend and I were so awestruck by the sheer stupidity of the program, we continued to watch. Overall, it was the most outlandish entown.

Being more or less out of touch with 20 minutes of television I had ever come at the time, I couldn't help but be slightly

Eventually, I returned to the programchanging the channel seem like too much yet again reduced to a bored and languid work, I agreed to watch AS's "Squidbil- state and unwilling to watch another CSI

into the program, characters' heads would box of fries, and a meatball who live as impression, I have to address the fact that explode in mid-sentence, or they would roommates and have hair-brained adven- the cartoon block doesn't debase it's audi-As you might have already gathered.

the fast frod is relatively issue, but mind. Complex," which centers around an elite you, I'm the one watching talking fast

ming segment on Cartnon Network. I was Shrike if they can go to Card's beaue to to find the Philosopher's Stone.

of squids who lived in Georgia (sounds sode of "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," an A S programming, having watched only often look as if they were created on a enthralling, doesn't it?). Only minutes animated cartoon about a milkshake, a enough of AS programs to form a meager mapkin by a lunatic with a broken band.

Very recently I came across a series of programs on AS that had some sub-

Late this weekend, I turned AS on to

watch two semi-riveting Japanese animations "Choet to Shell: Stand Alone chemist, which is about two brother al-

always pine for toilet humor, but I still have some misgivings about a generation gram about a degenerate, inbred family This time I got to watch a riveting epi- Before I continue thumbing my rose at that demands feeble-minded cartoons that

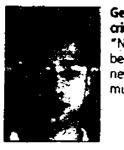
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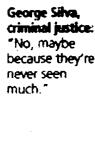
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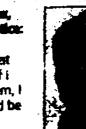
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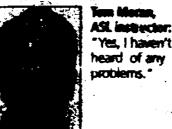


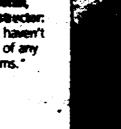


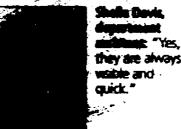




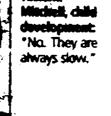












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NEWS BRIEFS

Nursing students to hold fundraiser April 4

March 29, 2006

The Bakersfield College third semester nursing students' fundraiser will be held April 4 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Burger King, 3405 Union Ave Anyone mentioning the BC nursing program vihile making a purchase at that Burger King will be helping to

Environmental Horticulture program to host Garden Fest

support the program.

The Environmental Horticulture program will be hosting their first Garden Fest on April 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the horticulture lab. Admission is

The event will include a live broadcast of "The Country Garden" Radio Program. A pond installment seminar will also be featured at the event, and the pond will be on permanent display at the Horticulture lab.

Kern County Health Department hasts Obesity Awareness Day

Obesity Awareness Day will be held on the BC campus April 4 as a part of Kern County Department of Public Health's Public Health Week. The BC Student Health Center

will have health related activities and calculations as part of the event such as Weight, Body Mass Index (BMI), Walst-to-Hip Ratio, Basal Metabolic Rate and literature regarding health.

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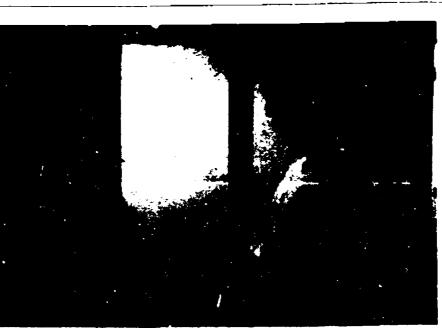
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Stamps available in mailroom

Special to The Rip A stamp machine has been fice. Bakersfield College makes placed just outside the mailroom no profit off of the sales. in the Student Services building. "This was a big step for us,"

"We're here so much, the students and staff live here, and we're trying to accommodate

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needs of the community," Beck said mailroom coordinator San- said, adding that the mailroom has dra Beck, who calls the machine to sell at least \$300 a month worth

> Beck said, "It's all about the students. We want to make it campus user friendly."

An act of petty theft was reported by a 33-year-old female BC student The student signaled a BC Public Safety officer from the south side of BC's Administration Building claiming that her denim jacket had been stolen from the Business Education hallway near the vending machines.

The student left her jacket on the

table in the hallway while she spoke

to her instructor. Missing along with

the jacket valued at \$30 are a driver's

license, credit cards and \$100 in cash

March 15 at 10:50 a.m.

in a black wallet valued at \$14. March 14 between 4 p.m. and 6:10

BC student Bryant Matthes, 20, uses new stamp machine. A 19-year-old male BC student reported his 1992 Honda Accord vehicle valued at \$3,000 was stolen. The car was taken from the 1450 Timmons By ANISSA SEGOVIA Ave. parking lot in Delano at BC's

\$7.80, is the same as the post of-Delano branch. An officer arriving on the scene noted students talking about the theft in front of the Delano Center's Science and Technical facility. "This was placed simply for the

An act of graffiti was noted by a BC Public Safety officer in the area of the of stamps to keep the machine op-Finlinson Conference Center build-

CRIME BEAT March 14 between 3:45 p.m. and

ing women's restroom. Somebody scrawled on the inner door of a toilet stall, "It is of no measure of wellness to be adapted to a profoundly sick society." Also on the same door were the words, "It's time to clean MTV out of your ears and listen up like a good

March 15 at 2:09 p.m.

A BC Public Safety officer reported that a 24-year-old female BC student the Public Safety officer and law enforcement in general. misused her mother's handicap placard. The student placed the handicap placard in her car and obtained a parking space in BC's southeast lot. A BC Public Safety officer, observing the improper use, detained the student. The student claimed that she transported her disabled mother via the vehicle and just happened to leave the placard in the car. The student admitted that she was late for class and did not want to park on Mt. Vernon Avenue.

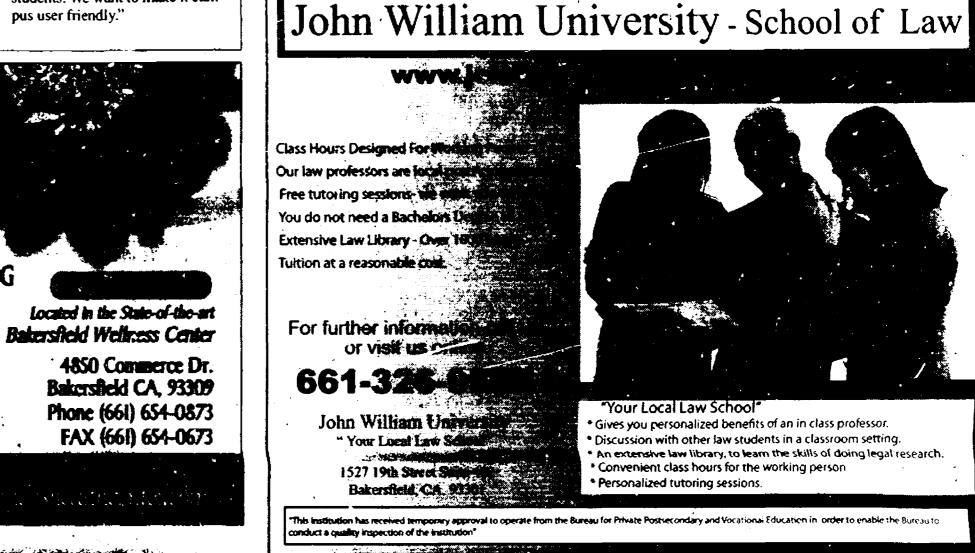
March 16 at 1:35 p.m.

A 19-year-old male BC student reported that in BC's Campus Center a 26-year-old male BC student engaged in roughhousing that left the reporting student upset. The upset student charged that he was struck in the

left hipbone area. The upset student claimed that the striking student was not actually an enrolled student and was not even allowed on campus. The offending student said that he was enrolled in a late-starting class. The upset student claimed he had anger management problems and was taking medication. The BC Public Safety officer present at the scene wrote in a report that the upset student insulted

March 17 at 10:15 a.m.

An act of disturbing the peace was reported to have occurred in BC's Financial Aid department. The suspect a 42-year-old male BC student, was reported by a 33-year-old female BC classified employee as being rude and abrasive. The enraged student claimed that he did not receive his financial aid check. The employee told the student that he would have to wait for the standard 10 days for his check to be eissued. The student used expletives and claimed he needed the check to pay his rent. A BC Public Safety office who eventually arrived on the scene advised the student that the outburst would be reported to the dean of



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SPORTS



An inspiration to others

Marko is taking a health class with

BY ALFREDO ADKINS Sports Editor

quired a plate and five screws, leaving Bakersfield College softball team inspiration, freshman Kristina Marko, is out for the season with a broken ankle letic future also in question after sliding hard into third base on a fielder's choice against L.A. Pierce on sister Korina, along with general re-

Although not a starting player, Marko inspired her teammates by making clared, with a sparkle in her eye, Marthe team despite a hearing loss of more ko said she most likely will teach her

not make it an issue," said coach Sandi "Because of her work ethic and

school at Stockdale Christian School Taylor said Marko, an outfielder, as well as Highland High School her being with Korina on many of her travwas showing consistent improvement, freshman year before going to Califore eling team trips. and the team took notice of her always nia School for the Deaf.

As Marko grew up, sign language na's hobbies is sculpting.

Born in Bellflower, Marko moved to

Taylor also mentioned the team had was her primary form of communitaken the injury personally. Marko had cation; later, she became adept at lip an ankle operation March 22 that re- reading.

"I have always talked to her and never used sign language because I know she had to live in the real world," said Marko's father, Philip Marko. He said that putting his daughter in

mainstream schools was a mistake be-While saying that her major is unde- cause words such as "toy" and "boy" were problems for Marko when teachers did not give Marko direct sight. While sister Korina may be referred peers to reach concrete goals. Marko to as the all-star softball player in the

goals despite the hearing loss that was family, both girls indicated that they

were inspirations to each other. The two are and have shared a bond Bakersfield and attended elementary that goes back to the girls playing together in city leagues and Kristina

Aside from softball, one of Kristi-

Baseball victorious against L.A. Mission

By ALFREDO ADKINS Sports Editor

during a game against L.A. Pierce on March 15.

Bakersfield College had a 32-inning scoreless streak going before Los Angeles Mission scored an unearned run in the fourth inning of Saturday's game, a 4-2 victory in 11 innings for BC.

The Renegades had won three baseball games before that ROUNDUP scoring their opponents 12-0.

Manny McElroy, who allowed only one earned run in 10 innings, picked up the win in Satur-

He struck out four batters and lowered his ERA to just over 1.30 for the season. to 19-12. TJ Kelley came into pitch the 11th inning

LA Mission took the lead in the fourth—the score behind two walks, an error and

He scored on an RBI single by Kyle 6 in extra irraings to Pasadena. Lancaster Morgan, who took second base on the

Ricky Orton then followed with an RB1 single, giving the Gades a 2-1 lead. LA

single, taking third on a hit and run single by Orton, then scoring on wild pitch. Or- lege Cheer team for the next school year. SGFTBALL

run with one out in the final inning to lift day's victory and improve his record to BC to a 4-2 victory Sunday over Fuller-The victory raised the Renegades' record to apply.

a Saturday game, BC beat Santa Barbara 2-0 behind Jennifer Sisco's home run and Mission then tied the game in the eighth—a shutout pitching effort from Marko. Morgan lead off the 11th inning with a Tryouts will be held at 5 p.m. April 7 in the dance room for the Bakersfield Col-

had a three-run home run in that game, and

teammate Shawna Sexton went 2 for 4. In

The clinic will also be held from 5 p.m. Nichole Lancaster hit a two-run home to 7 p.m. April 3 through April 6 in the

Cheer or dance experience is helpful ton in the fourth game of the BC Classic. but not required, and men are encouraged

Transcripts must be brought to the try-

In an earlier Sunday game, BC lost 8. ing cheer adviser Becki Whitson at 395-

BC finished eighth in the Citres College invitational on March 20. College of the Carryons won with a 378 score. BC's Scott La Bare finished sixth,

shooting 3-over-par at 75. Torry Denesha followed at 79 for BC with Justin Pitts and Nick Valleio comton then scored on an RBI single by John A clinic and orientation was held March ing in at 79. Kyle Neal shot 82 and Mike Yates 85.

> March 23 with Jason Broussard, Bryan Branch, Mathew Greer and Joshua Halpin scoring victories in singles. In women's play, Sara Ramirez hung

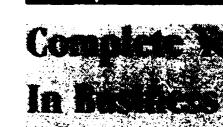
BC's men's team best Cerritos 5-4

on Friday to defeat Debbie Martin of Kory Marko pitched a no-hitter in the outs, and current BC students must have a Glendale 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 after falling behind

Information packets may be picked up doubles victory to lead the Renegade la-



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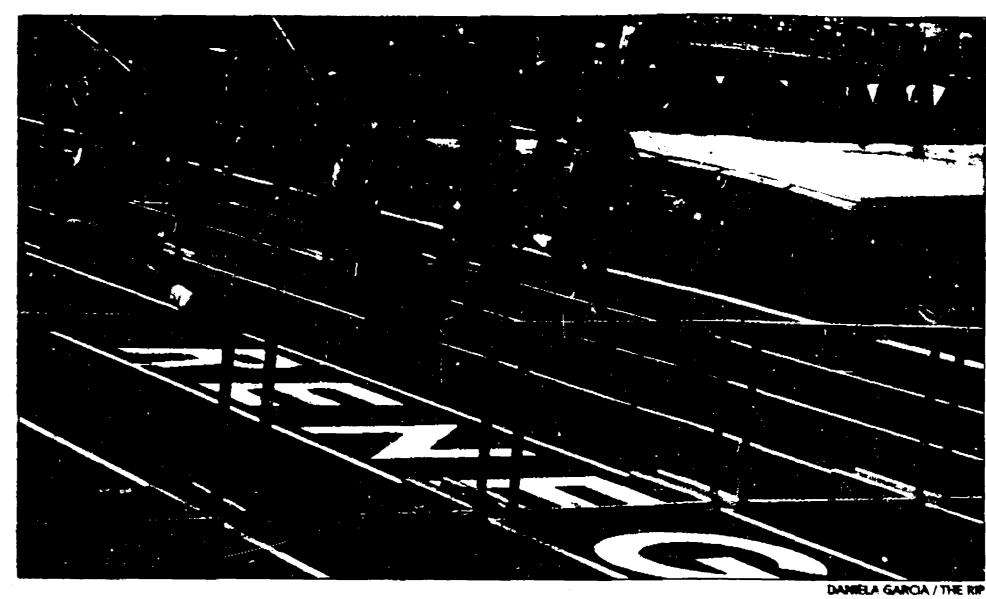
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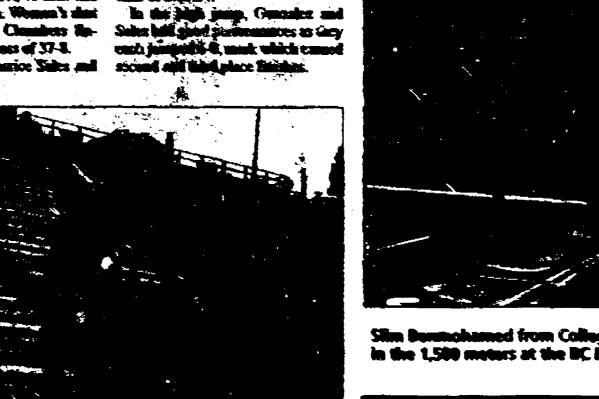


or, from College of the Carryons takes the lead in the women's 100-meter hurdles. She finished first.

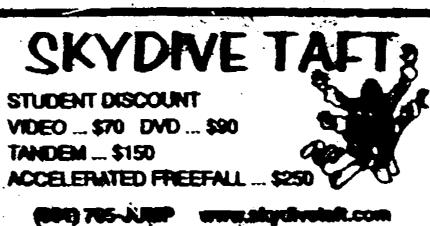
Solid performance at 35th BC Relays

By LEADINE CAVE

152-7 for a second-place finish. On



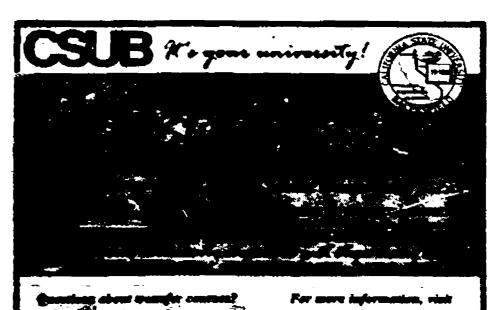
Annie Escalante pole venits during the Siffs armen







Slim Dominohamed from College of the Carryons takes first in the 1.580 meters at the BC Raines.





Men's track coach David Frickel gives instructions to his athletes during a meet at Memorial Stadium field.

Coach goes

BY LEANINE CAVE Rip staff writer

It's not easy filling the shoes the Olympic trials as a marathon/ and cross-country for forty years at Bakersfield College before held in the Soviet Union. retiring, but David Prickel has

Frickel, 51, has coached track and field for 27 years, including six at Citrus College and 21 years at the high school level be- to me as the new head coach." fore coming to BC.

a track coach have earned the ul-succeed as athletes. removes C.I.F. and state titles.

well-respected as a track coach

school with a track and field pro- about Frickel. gram that has a good and winning very good in recruiting athletes kersfield College.

track record himself. In 1980, Frickel qualified for

of a legendary coach like Bob distance numer, but was unable Covey, who coached men's track to compete because the United States boycotted the Olympics Along with personal experi-

ence, caring about the athletes he coaches makes Frickel a valuable asset to the track and field "The kilds have been receptive

Prickel said. "I want my kids to timate respect from his peers at Education is the most impor-

So far Frickel's teaching and

Rivera said. He has strategy that For Frickel, the transition from helps us to improve individually

Jose Gonzalez, who is a long and high number for the men's a good opportunity to coach at a team echoed Rivera's scutiments

for the track and field program. Teaching runs all in the fam-The track is one of the best in the lifty for the Frickel family as his wife Maria teaches in the Nuris Frickel grew up in Southern School District.

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Good ride, cowboy, good ride'